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Blue crush
Loving the summery blues! Refresh your home with hot pieces in cool hues. *Turn to page 67 for affordable buys.*

Hanging to dry
Country Road beach **towel** in Pastel Pink, $64.95, Country Road.

Organic shapes
HK Living "Mango" **plates**, $15 each, Ahoy Trader. *Diameter 24cm to 30cm.*

Ocean greys
Azure frosted **bottle** in Smoke, from $24.95, Papaya. *15cm high.*

WELCOME

THIS ISSUE IS PACKED WITH HOMES to make you smile, daydream and scheme. There's loads of inspiration to transform, revive and refresh your home just in time for the holidays and entertaining the hordes of family and friends about to descend. I'm completely revved up by the blues on our cover, and loving all the shades mixed up in a beautiful blue crush of aquamarine, turquoise, teal, pool blue and deep navy. Together with crisp white they shout summer and holidays. They're all so easy to add to any space in a few cushions, a wall print, even a cluster of vases – and are the perfect way to refresh your home in time for Chrissy drinks and parties. I'd also want to move into the house on page 76 and stay there all summer. How divine is it?

Okay, most of the hard work is done for Christmas, isn't it? Or are you like me and doing the last-minute mad dash for pressies? I curse myself every year, and make those ridiculous vows to shop throughout the year – and never do. The result: expensive presents with the budget blown, way-too-big-a turkey and possibly some bonbons that cost a small fortune! If that's you, too, then this issue of **real living** will be a lifesaver with our last-minute gift guide. The team have curated the best-of-the-best in gifts – the really cool stuff you'll fall in love with – with special pieces for family, friends and yourself, too (page 35). One thing I'm buying for myself is the beautiful book, *365 Nature* by Anna Carlile (see page 155 for a sneak peek), which landed on my desk. It's about putting down the phone (yes please) and doing some good old-fashioned things like stargazing, cloud watching, hiking and reconnecting with yourself and nature – something we all need to do as the end of the year rolls around, phew! Hope you get to relax, breathe and have a great break. See you next month with salt in your hair and sand between your toes. Happy holidays!

PS I've never eaten such a delicious cookie in my life (page 152). Make them, that's all I'll say…
PPS Hope you love the "refreshed" new pages in the mag – I'd love to hear your thoughts.

Deborah
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP Byron Bay's Jai Vasicek from Ahoy Trader and The Atlantic's Kimberly Amos, and photographer Alicia Taylor and Deb.

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Euro splash
This coastal interior takes its cues from the Med with crisp white and cobalt blue. *Turn to page 67 for more cool blue shopping and decor ideas.*

White light
Replica George Nelson "Bubble Saucer" **pendant**, $345, Clickon Furniture.

By the beach
The Colours Of Positano **print** (1.25m x 91cm), $1250 framed, Aquabumps.

COVER GET THE LOOK

VIVID BLUES SET THE SCENE WITH EASY INTERIORS FOR LAZY SUMMER DAYS AT HOME

WE'VE GOT A BLUE CRUSH. Cobalt, ultramarine, azure, lapis, we're totally feeling blue. When teamed with white, it creates a holiday-at-home vibe that's perfect for summer. It's a laidback look that feels easy, with natural materials and textures – think linen slipcovered sofas, a woven rug and loads of floor cushions for everyone to hang out on. When it comes to accessories, the styling is minimal but plants are essential – a sculptural cactus will give the look an edge.

Chic shimmer
Tray **side table** in Brass, $485, Life Interiors.

Seaside stripes
Variopinte enamel **dinner plate** in Cobalt Blue, $26.90, Citta Design.

Little gems
Marbled Gem **cups**, $48 each, Milly Dent Design.

Surfer style
Chaser "Hawaii" raglan **tee** in Blue, $82, Order Of Style.

Green touch
Concrete **pot** in Dipped White, $175, Koskela; holding Opuntia cactus **plant** (about 20cm), $30, Garden Life.

Two tone
Rug Culture "Atrium Polo" round **rug** in Blue (2m), $249, Catwalk Rugs.

The right angle
Blue Triangles **floor cushion**, $160, Jennifer + Smith.

Cool comfort
Joe 3-seat **sofa** with arms in White, $3150, MCM House.
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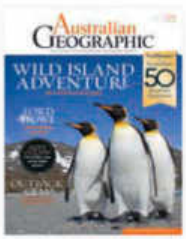
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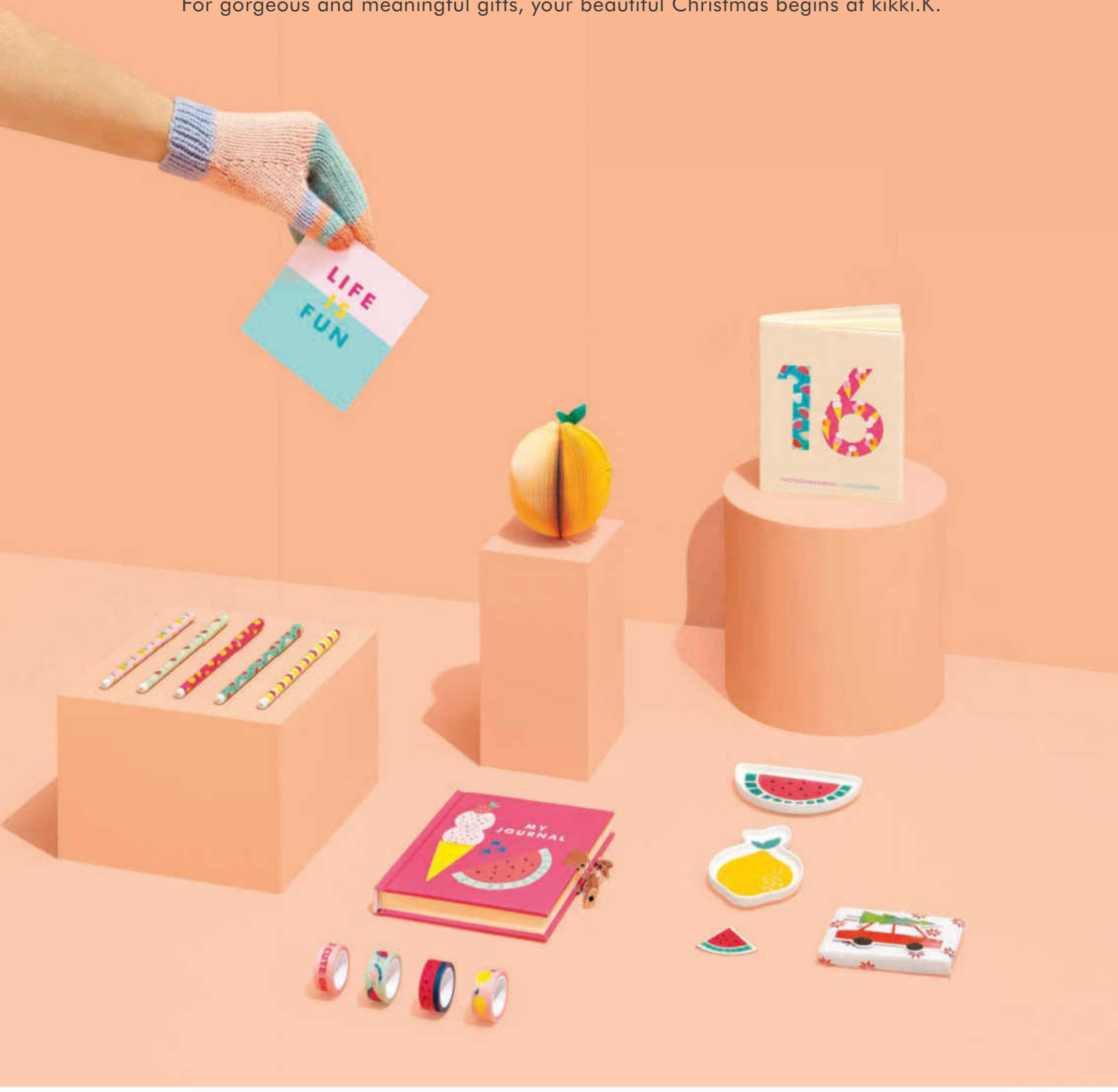
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Song book Perfume bottles have been arranged like a still life on the spacious windowsill of this Copenhagen apartment. *Turn the page for more pretty ideas and cool style inspiration.* →



Danish design, rock 'n' roll & feminine boho combine for an interesting visual melody

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Lyrical pleasures Singer/writer Trine works in the music room of her Copenhagen apartment. Guitars are hung on the wall; it's a practical storage solution and looks good, too!
Too pretty to hide The sheer peachy blouse fluttering in the bedroom window plus glass vessel holding foliage equals instant feminine boho vibe. →

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Poster girl "Patti Smith is an artist who inspires me greatly, both as a person and visual artist," Trine says. The framed poster hangs in the living room.
Colour compromise Trine loves subtle hues but partner Torben likes contrasting colours – and pop art, including the work of Roy Lichtenstein; a print hangs near the dining area. Here, the pendant cord is swung to the side of the ceiling rose so the light hangs over the table. →

REPOSITIONED PENDANT CORD – GREAT IDEA!





Bright whites
Trine's favourite spot in the apartment is her kitchen, where the light shimmers through the windows – and she enjoys the view when washing up. An old-fashioned support column lends character to the room.





Tools of the trade
A vintage typewriter, above, in the music room, beckons Trine. Curtainless windows allow for optimum light and keep the look unfussy. Carefully edited pieces in the home include a simple vignette, right.

IT'S A GIVEN THAT MUSICIANS ARE CREATIVE, and it follows their homes often reflect their artistic flair. This is evident in the apartment of Trine Jørck and Torben Guldager, whose light, spacious and minimally decorated 83-sq-m apartment is like a beautiful, mellow composition, full of sublime pauses.

MUSIC MAKERS Furnishings may be few, but musical paraphernalia abounds. The minute you step through the door of the home – situated in a late-1900s building just a few minutes' walk from the centre of Copenhagen – it's clear music plays a huge role in the lives of the couple. There are instrument cases used as side tables and posters and prints of musicians and bands adorn the walls. A bookcase is full of music literature. From the bright living room the eye is instantly drawn to a music room that features a wall of guitars. "It's important to us that the objects that surround us carry a history that makes the room feel stimulating and alive," Trine says. "We're both passionate about the idea of a home filled with pictures, books, vinyl and strange paraphernalia that inspire reflection."

SIMPLE PURITY But while the musical instruments are plentiful, they still play second fiddle to the interior palette: the swathe of white walls combined with the polished wooden floors and plentiful →





Pared-back beauty Bleached timber floors and acres of white walls and accessories, such as bedlinen and a Le Klint pendant by Poul Christiansen, give the home its classic Scandi look. The bedroom features a generous wicker basket, above middle, for storing scarves, jumpers and bags, and an Ikea clothes rack for neatly colour-coded shirts, sequin tops and leather jackets, as well as punky boots and suede shoes – easy to grab when in a hurry. A utilitarian timber box, above right, turned upside down makes a generous bedside table. Decorated sparingly with the large round glass vase with white roses and a cool black and white print, the simple scheme is perfect for a good night's sleep. →

WHO LIVES HERE?

SINGER/WRITER TRINE JØRCK AND
MUSICIAN/STUDENT TORBEN GULDAGER

Chair affair Trine loves her Arne Jacobsen office chair that was originally in her grandfather's office in Nyborg, whereas Torben's fave item is the round timber dining table – truly democratic with no one at the head.

Happy place Trine often sits at the old timber table in the kitchen, writing lyrics, reading the newspaper and drinking coffee. Bliss!

Future ideas The couple want to fill a whole wall with books and records, with a great reading chair in front of it. They also want to run a low bench under the guitars in the music room. And to revamp the bathroom, eventually.



natural light are the real stars in this show. Wooden furniture and Danish designs sit quietly in the space. Even in the bedroom, the mattress sits modestly on the floor, enhancing the spacious feel.

ROOM TO MOVE Up to a year ago, the couple lived in a tiny flat, so have been relishing the sense of space – to think and to create, and to enjoy the chance to decorate. The intention is to create a different character in each room, collaborating and compromising on style. While they are both inspired by popular culture, and bring it to their decorating, Torben prefers their home to have a bit of a rock-'n'-roll vibe as well as feature contrasting colours and pop art, while Trine has a fondness for feminine and French bohemian details; she finds beauty in delicate nuances. She admits it has been a challenge – at times – to agree on style, but mostly it's been a fun journey together. And the proof is in the interior duet: rather than a cacophony of looks it's a lyrical composition. Music to their ears.



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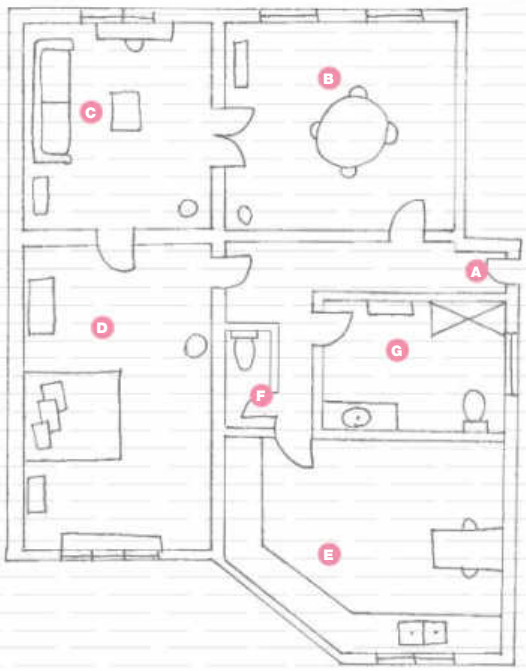
FINISHES

FLOORING Oak Country in **Brushed Extreme White Oil** (A), $226.60 a sq m, Mafi. **KITCHEN CABINETS** Kaboodle doors in **Myrtle Gloss Heritage** (B; 600mm), $144 each, Bunnings. **INTERIOR PAINT** Taubmans Endure Interior in **Snowy White** (C), $61.90 for 4L. Sherwin-Williams "Cashmere Gloss" Interior/Exterior Paint & Primer in **Olympus White** (D), $72 for 3.78L. *For stockists, see page 176.*



Melody making
Any surface can be a side table, including an old musical instrument case. The Børge Mogensen "Spanish" worn leather chair is also a favourite of Trine's.

KEY
A Entrance **B** Dining **C** Living area **D** Bedroom **E** Kitchen **F** WC **G** Bathroom



floorplan & still-life styling christina banos
photography anna malmberg/taverne agency (lifestyle shots)



Beauty in detail
At the kitchen table, cutlery contained in a white-painted tin is perfect for casual dining along with green foliage in a glass carafe.



Sweet soul
Carolyn Murphy limited-edition **print** by Brian Bowen Smith, from $420 for 60cm x 47cm, Lumas.

In the folds
Model 181 Model A **pendant light**, about $510 (€339) plus shipping, Le Klint.

TRINE & ORBEN'S MOODBOARD

Grainy timbers in light and dark tones and a few mid-century pieces add interest to a simple B&W palette

Strum a tune
Yamaha "Classical" **guitar**, $177, Harvey Norman.

Simply timber
Ekby Järpen/Ekby Valter **wall shelf** in Birch Veneer, $34.99, Ikea. *1.19m x 28cm.*

Chenille thrill
Gullklocka **cushion cover** in Grey, $10, Ikea. *50cm.*

Dipped base
Finn charcoal **vessel**, $24.95, Madras Link.

For the girl
Chloé Signature **eau de toilette**, from $80 for 30ml, Myer.

Perfect for salad
Oval **bowl** in Natural, $34.90, Citta Design.

More or less
Bjursta extendable **table** in Brown-Black, $349, Ikea. *Seats 4 to 6.*

Danish inspired
Edgar #1 Tamboo oak and leather **armchair**, $795, Weylandts.

Crafted weave
Bright band handle **basket** in Grey, $49.95, Freedom. *34cm high.*

Art of glass
Fleur Rose **bowl**, $14.95, Freedom. *Plant not included.*

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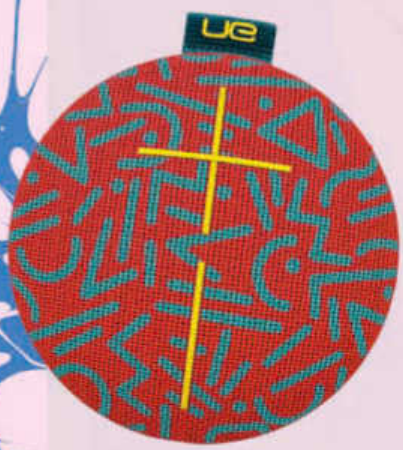
Wrap stars
Slap one of these beauties on your last-minute gift and it will almost look too nice to open. Marbling Season "Stone Collection" **gift tag set**; $7.95 for 4 tags. Thesouvenirsociety.com





Hats on
Give the gift of style this Chrissy with a **Woven fedora** – their noggin will thank you for it! This one's Natural, but it's also available in Black or Rust; $19.95. Cottonon.com/au





Music to go
Pump "Jingle Bells" all Christmas longon a **UE "Roll" wireless Bluetooth speaker**. It's waterproof, dirt-proof, and pretty much life-proof. Perfect for the active soul. Six colours available; $149.95. Ultimateears.com



Dear Diary...
A fresh start can be the best gift of all – especially one that's embellished with a bit of gold-foil bling! **2016 A5 diary**; $39.95. Blackliststore.com.au →



text diana prichard, john mcdonald, elle lovelock & karlie verkerk
background the souvenir society (this page)

FAVE FINDS

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DIAMONDS 'CAUSE YOU'RE WORTH IT! MELBOURNE'S **LOVEHATE** DESIGN HOUSE WAS CREATED BY GENEINE HONEY, WHOSE PASSION FOR HANDCRAFTED JEWELLERY EVOLVED INTO A SUSTAINABLY SOURCED RANGE OF JEWELLERY, CERAMICS AND CLOTHING. HER **DIAMOND PLANTERS** (10CM X 8CM) ARE $35 EACH, LUUMODESIGN.COM





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FESTIVE FLAMES! LIMITED-EDITION DELIGHTS FROM **ECOYA**, PERFECT FOR THE HOLIDAYS: SUMMER RAIN & WILD JASMINE (LEFT) AND WHITE PEACH & ORANGE BLOSSOM SOY WAX CANDLES, $39.95 EACH. ECOYA.COM

BOUQUET BOOSTERS

Designed in Australia and made in Europe, **Plumm wineglasses** claim to make wine taste better because of their shape. We tested them and it's true! Stemmed glasses are priced from $54.95 for 2, with stemless $64.99 for 4. There's an outdoor range, too. From Myer and selected retailers. **Plumm.com**

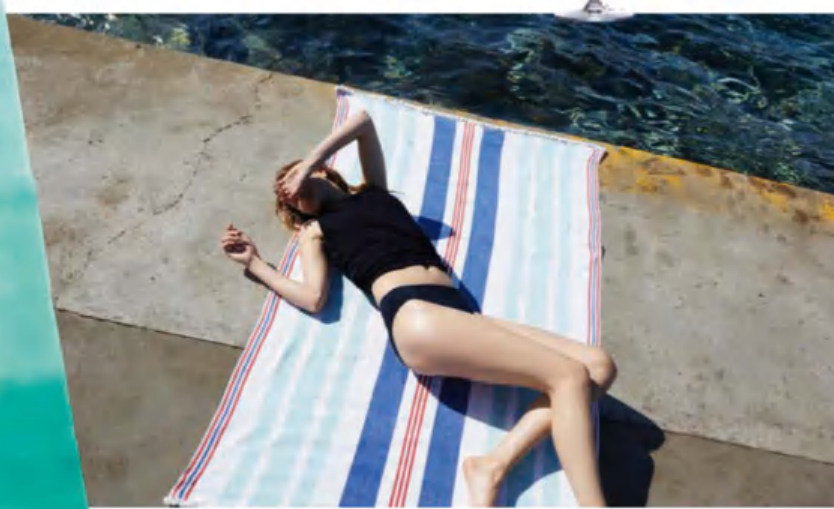


CRAFT PRESERVED

Jac+Jack introduces its new handcrafted **beach towels**, named after Aussie beaches. Splash out! They're made in brilliant colours by West Bengali artisan weavers, who weave organic cotton on ancient looms. **Jacandjack.com**

Organic goodness
FROM LEFT **Beach towels**: Portsea in **Black/White**, Merimbula in **Bright Yellow/White**, Shelly Beach in **Ombre Dye**, $199 each, and Empire Stripe in **Sea Green/Bright Blue**, $160, Jac+Jack. →







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BOOKIES

LEFT FROM TOP ***All In Good Taste*** by Kate Spade, New York (Abrams; $35); ***The Produce Companion*** by Meredith Kirton & Mandy Sinclair (Hardie Grant Books; $49.95); ***Do It Yourself*** by Thomas Barnthaler (Phaidon; $39.95); ***A Personal Guide to India & Bhutan*** by Christine Manfield (Penguin Books Australia; $39.99); ***Near & Far: Recipes Inspired By Home And Travel*** by Heidi Swanson (Ten Speed Press; $39.95); and **Dogs And Chairs Designer Pairs** by Cristina Amodeo (Thames & Hudson; $21.99).

FOR THE ENTERTAINER



FOR THE GARDENER



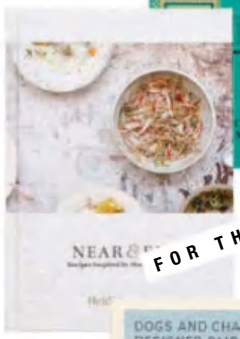
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FOR THE COOK



FOR THE DOG LOVER



LINEN LOVERS

In Brissie, **Lamb & Stine** creates simple, modern bedlinen and home furnishings. Linen pieces include **Print Collection 05 cushion** in Black/White and Blue, above, and **04 cushion** in Black/White & Pink, $50 each (48cm square). Lambandstine.com



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IF IN DOUBT *Tableware is always a welcome gift – and these pieces from* **Myer** *are so perfect, maybe you should buy them for yourself. Set the festive table with the simply stylish pieces from* **Barber & Osgerby for Royal Doulton**: **Olio wood trivet** *(19cm), $49.95,* **Olio sugar and cream set** *in White, $79.95, and* **Olio jug** *in Red (17.5cm), $79.95. Myer.com.au →*



DINE

Eat Chrissy lunch in style – and many more lunches and dinners after that – off the **Ecology "Watercolour" 12-piece bone china dinner set**. The set includes 4 x 27cm dinner plates, 4 x 23cm side plates, and 4 x 18.5cm bowls, and is $129.95. Available in Green, Blue or Smoke (pictured). Davidjones.com.au

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LETTERER/BLOGGER **JASMINE DOWLING** HAS JOINED FORCES WITH **TONY BIANCO** TO CREATE A RANGE OF GRAPHIC, MONOCHROME CANVASES, NOTEBOOKS AND CLUTCHES THAT ARE WORTH INSTAGRAMMING. THIS CLUTCH IS CALLED BONJOUR; $49.95. TONYBIANCO.COM.AU

FAVE FINDS

THEY'LL BE ABLE TO **CURL UP** IN STYLE WITH ALL THE GOOD BOOKS THEY GOT FROM SANTA THIS YEAR – THANKS TO YOU! THE **OYOY BRASS BOOKEND SET**, $96 FOR 2 FROM TOP3 BY DESIGN, WILL KEEP ALL THEIR TOP TOMES TOGETHER. TOP3.COM.AU



GIVE THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS TIPPLES AND GET THEM TO OPEN THEM. CONSUME IN THIS ORDER, FROM LEFT: PETALUMA CROSER VINTAGE 2011 **SPARKLING** WITH MEGAN HESS DESIGN, $33.99 (EXCLUSIVE TO DAN MURPHY'S) & RUTHERGLEN ESTATES **MOSCATO** 2015, $16; WITH CANAPÉS. LOGAN "WEEMALA" **GEWÜRZTRAMINER** 2015, $19.95; WITH SPICY PRAWNS. TAYLORS **SHIRAZ** 2014, $20; WITH TURKEY/HAM. SUNTORY "HIBIKI" JAPANESE HARMONY **WHISKY**, $105; WITH CHRISTMAS CAKE.







PHOTO FINISH

Film is not dead! Lomo cameras like this **Lomo Instant** in Black or White are all about experimental and creative photography; digital filters on Instagram and the like simply replicate what these basic analogue cameras do naturally. Wish your pal happy holiday snapping. $190; Opusdesign.com.au

JONATHAN ADLER, THE MAN BEHIND THOSE CUTE DACHSHUND BOOKENDS, HAS DESIGNED A FAB RANGE OF **STATIONERY FOR OFFICEWORKS**, SO YOU CAN KIT OUT YOUR DESK DESIGNER-STYLE FROM ONLY $5.99. CHECK IT OUT IN STORE OR AT OFFICEWORKS.COM.AU



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Like every room in the elegant hotel, the 90-seat poolside restaurant, Paper Daisy, has its own individual and relaxed aesthetic. Handpicked antiques and vintage pieces, sourced mainly from America, sit alongside carefully curated Australian treasures. The walls are adorned with an eclectic gallery of seascape artworks.



SPOTTED IT!



text amanda hemmings | **photography** kara rosenlund

HALCYON HOUSE

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SPACE CRUSH

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AWARD-WINNING ARCHITECT VIRGINIA KERRIDGE DESIGNED THE HOTEL TO INCLUDE ECHOES OF THE PAST – SUCH AS THE POOL AND SPANISH-STYLE ARCHES – RETAINED FROM "THE HIDEAWAY", THE SURFER MOTEL THAT STOOD ON THE SITE FROM THE 1960S.







Barcelona **chair**, $299, Lincoln Brooks.

FOUND IT!

"I WANTED EACH ROOM TO BE DIFFERENT SO GUESTS CAN FIND THEIR FAVOURITE AND KEEP COMING BACK," *says Anna Spiro, the hotel's interior designer. The exquisite fabrics chosen for the walls of the suites came from England, as did the upholsterers who completed the job. Now, that is attention to detail!*



Meet the owners...

Brisbane-based sisters Siobhan and Elisha Bickle and their husbands Adam Flaskas and Dave Wadley fell in love with the site – a former motel situated at one of the country's best surf breaks – and bought it in 2011. Post reno, Elisha says the hotel is now "whimsical rather than formal; a relaxing retreat". *Halcyon House, 21 Cypress Crescent, Cabarita Beach, NSW. (02) 6676 1444. Halcyonhouse.com*



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Once you've checked out where your next holiday will be, both above, swing by this boutique fashion label's Insta for resortwear inspiration. Pictured is the Fluted short skirt, Lace-up top, and Lace-up V-neck tunic top.



@DANIEL_EMMA
SCROLL FOR A SWATHE OF GEOMETRIC SHAPES, LIKE THESE COLOURFUL TABLETOP ACCESSORIES AND QUIRKY DESIGN ELEMENTS IN AUSSIE DESIGN STUDIO DANIEL EMMA'S FEED.



@RESIDENTGP_HOMEWARES *Summer is in full #bloom! And so is this beautiful print by @ilovemytype from online homewares store Resident GP. Stop by for more styling inspo.*



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ONE



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I'M ALSO WORKING on a collaboration with Brintons – a UK-based carpeting company that sells digitally woven carpets and hand-tufted rugs for commercial spaces. And I've just launched a business called Common Knowledge with my business partner Kate Hurst. We'll provide strategy and design solutions for emerging and established businesses.

MY DESIGN PROCESS involves a lot of blind faith and intuitive navigation. I often don't know where I'm going until I get there.

I FIND INSPIRATION from the amazingly talented friends I am lucky to have. I'm surrounded by a passionate, creative bunch of artists, designers, musicians, writers and nutcases.

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"BLIND FAITH AND **INTUITIVE NAVIGATION**" IS WHAT DRIVES JEWELLERY AND ACCESSORIES DESIGNER ELKE KRAMER'S DESIGN PROCESS



ELKE KRAMER
JEWELLERY & ACCESSORIES DESIGNER

interview john mcdonald | **photography** brett stevens

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With the help of the Paint Place Trend Colour Collection, the experts from Paint Place will show you the best and simplest way to incorporate these Softly Softly colours into your own home – whether it's repainting with New Look paints and styling an entire room or concentrating on creating a focal feature.

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Music fave
"I don't own any real records but I love listening to Fleetwood Mac," Hayley says.

Bright stars
From left, Kate, Hayley and Alex, the talented trio behind boutique bedding brand Kip & Co.

Holiday heaven
Summer will most likely see Alex on the Mornington Peninsula with the family and Port Lonsdale with the besties.

Sleep pretty
Melbourne-based Kip & Co is known for its bright, boutique bedding, including the Easel quilted pillowcase, $59.

Meeting place
Hayley's favourite sofa is the Tufty-Time sofa by Patricia Urquiola for B&B Italia. Sunny days!

Gorgeous gifts
Alex loves to give Kip & Co products as presents, such as the Swish Swash cotton blanket. Lucky recipients!

ALEX | KATE | HAYLEY
KIP & CO

WHO ARE YOU

FIND OUT WHAT MAKES OUR **FAVOURITE CREATIVES** TICK

KATE HEPPELL, HAYLEY PANNEKOECKE AND ALEX VAN DER SLUYS OF BEDDING AND LIFESTYLE BRAND KIP & CO

SISTERS KATE AND HAYLEY DABBLED IN A FEW BUSINESSES FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS BEFORE STARTING KIP & CO WITH BEST FRIEND ALEX, BRINGING VIBRANT COLOUR INTO THE BEDROOM!

What did you want to be when you were a kid? **Kate:** "Maybe an artist or a florist. Our mum was a watercolour artist and a big green thumb so I guess I was just modeling myself on her as a youngster."

Where did you grow up?
Kate: "Hayley and I were born and raised in Upwey, at the base of the Dandenong Ranges. Our two big brothers are Trent and Daniel. Our folks passed when we were 12 and 14 so we are a very tight set of siblings. We are all self-employed with our own businesses, all married, and with a pack of kids between us – there is almost no one else we would rather spend a holiday away with."

How did you get to where you are now? **Kate:** "Our dad had his own accounting practice so from early on we saw an amazing example of working hard. In retrospect, the example of him having his own business and being self-employed must have resonated with my siblings and I."

Who are your creative influences? **Kate:** "It would be remiss for me to not mention Australian icons like Jenny Kee and Ken Done, Australian fashion labels like Desert Designs and Obus, and famous Aboriginal artists like Jimmy Pike, Minnie Pwerle and Johnny Warangkula."

Your most treasured item?
Hayley: "A lamp that was Mum and Dad's – it features in nearly every Kip shoot as we all love it."

What is your signature dish?
Hayley: "The freshest oysters served natural with a little Tabasco and horseradish on the side and, of course, a good whack of lemon."

What is your style inspiration?
Hayley: "I gravitate towards an interior and fashion style made up of a collection of well-travelled collectables and much-loved pieces mixed with a splash of texture, colour and gold."

Most expensive, but worth-it home purchase? **Hayley:** "My French brushed-gold bathroom tapware from Astra Walker."

Your best decorating tip?
Alex: "Do something unexpected."

What is the strangest place you've found inspiration?
Alex: "Hayley's kids' doodling."

Have you ever copied a decorating style? **Alex:** "Yes! Kate and Hayley both have lots of concrete in their homes, which I love, and I'm trying to incorporate into my renovation."

What household chore do you hate doing? **Alex:** "Making my bed (how ironic)."

Art pack
Alex would love a Fred Fowler artwork in her living room, such as *The Pack* (oil/spray-paint on wood, 70cm x 58cm). *Fred-fowler.com*

Cocktail hour
Alex's killer cocktail: Two ounces gin, one sugar cube, splash of Angostura bitters, a teaspoon of water.

Soft sell
The Kip & Co velvet beanbag in Ocean ($129) is a laidback inclusion in any room!

interview john mcdonald | **photography** nikole ramsay (portrait); alamy (boat sheds, record cover); gettyimages.com.au (drink)

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COASTAL CHARM

This month, stylist Jackie Brown has teamed up with **Super Amart** to demonstrate how to style a coastal interior

What are the key features of a charming coastal dining area? Obviously, a great dining setting is important, but as for distinguishing features, it's all about the material and colour palette – materials like weathered-style timber and woven textiles, light pastel hues, plus white – lots of white!
Where do you start? Think about how many people you want to seat on a regular basis as this will guide your dining table purchase. If you like to entertain family and friends, I recommend an eight-seater dining setting as a versatile option, like this Le Franschhoek dining table we've used here.



So, what are the other key pieces?
With this style of dining area, the chairs will really make the look. Nothing says "coastal" quite like white cross-back chairs. Lanterns, too, are key to coastal style so have at least one or two of those and place them on your sideboard or your dining table for decoration.
How do you accessorise the look? Greenery is important, but if you don't have a green thumb, or your room doesn't get lots of light, go for a fabulous faux plant like this Fiddle Leaf Fig Tree. Also, echo the look in the table setting – a woven table runner and white accessories, like a vase, will do the trick.

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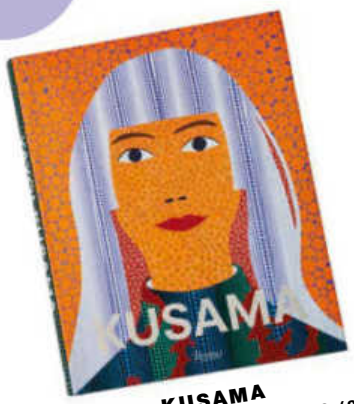
Jackie's tips for styling a cool coastal home

- Hang straw beach hats on wall hooks for a coastal-casual decorative display
- Use medium-size hurricane lanterns on the dining table instead of candlesticks
- For a party, give white chairs a new look by draping a stripy cotton tea towel (that doubles up as a napkin) over each one



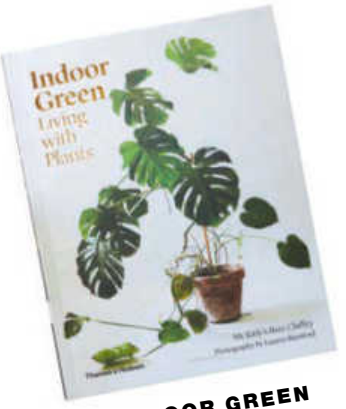
LOOK BOOKS

HERE'S A **BUNCH OF BEAUTIFUL BOOKS** YOUR COFFEE TABLE WILL THANK YOU FOR



KUSAMA
by LOUISE NERI & TAKAYA GOTO (304pp)

You know those black and yellow polka-dotted pumpkin sculptures in Japan? They were created by artist Yayoi Kusama. So, too, were the tentacled window displays in Louis Vuitton back in 2012. See them, plus more from Yayoi's career, in this spotty tome. *Rizzoli; $149.99.*



INDOOR GREEN
by BREE CLAFFEY (208pp)

The subtitle – *Living With Plants* – says it all. Here is a world of houseplants in inspiring spaces, courtesy of the team at Mr Kitly and photographer Lauren Bamford. Fact-packed and fun, it's both a helpful resource and a really good read. *Thames & Hudson; $49.95.*



GELATO MESSINA
by NICK PALUMBO & DONATO TOCE (352pp)

From Bondi to Vegas, Gelato Messina has created a sensation. If you are game, grab your blast freezer (and Thermomix, and lab coat) and have a go at creating some of the world's cleverest frozen delights. Or simply flick the pages in awe. *Hardie Grant; $55.*



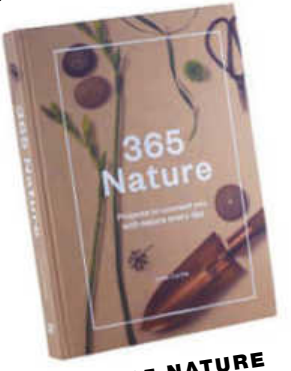
THE KINFOLK HOME
by NATHAN WILLIAMS (368pp)

Thirty-five homes (three of them Aussie) and the people who live in them: fascinating stories of "slow living" – simplicity, family, meaningfulness, community – from the influential US magazine *Kinfolk*. Splendid photography, intelligent writing. *Artisan Books; $65.*



THE CRAFT COMPANION
by RAMONA BARRY & REBECCA JOBSON (400pp)

Give this for Christmas and they'll be busy all year. From appliqué to zakka, it's an "A to Z of modern crafting", with tools, techniques and fresh photography that all makes it look like fun. Examples of work by artists in the craft styles is a nice touch. *Thames & Hudson; $65.*



365 NATURE
by ANNA CARLILE (242pp)

Modern life can be so fast that we forget to connect with the natural world. This book will inspire you to do just that – wherever you live – with projects (learn to tie knots!), recipes and free experiences for every season. See page 155 for a book extract. *Hardie Grant; $49.95.*



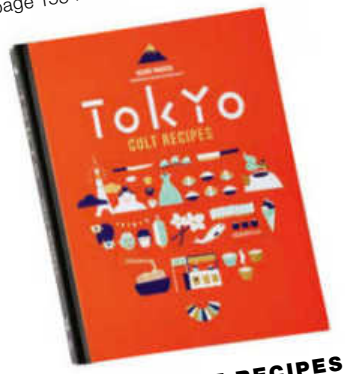
BIRDLAND
by LEILA JEFFREYS (188pp)

A large-format framed Leila Jeffreys birdy fine-art photograph is something that many of us covet; here is the next best thing. These magnificent creatures are photographed up close and personal in startling clarity – their plumage and postures make you marvel. *Hachette Australia; $49.99.*



LOVE X STYLE X LIFE
by GARANCE DORÉ (272pp)

Want to know how to look better in photos? The art to mastering the nomadic office? And who makes the perfect pants? Photographer Garance Doré reveals the secrets to stylish living, 100 lessons in love and why we all look better when we're smiling. *Simon & Schuster; $39.98.*



TOKYO CULT RECIPES
by MAORI MUROTA (272pp)

Japanese food is more than just sushi rolls. Check in to the world of day-to-day Tokyo deliciousness with this beautifully designed cookbook. Most of the recipes are easy and the photographs are evocative. You'll want to jump on a plane – or head to the Japanese grocer. *Murdoch Books; $49.99.*

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Inspiration source
Shape, colour and raw materials inspire Tamara. "These things speak to me and form the beginnings of all my styling projects."

Home decorating tip
"By crafting your own pieces you can inject a very intimate part of yourself into the mix and 'make' your space yours," Tamara says.

Holiday destination
Tamara loves London. "I lived there when I was 21 and love how familiar it feels while still having the ability to inspire me."



Lust list
Tamara would love a Tom Wood rose gold signet ring for her pinkie.



Essential beauty
And she can't live without rose-tinted lip/cheek stain, Benetint.



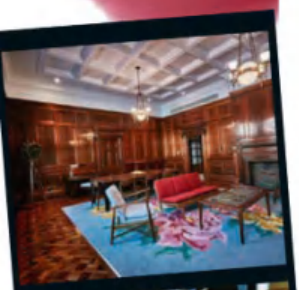


Present perfect
She would give her new book, a labour of love, as a gift. *The Maker* (Murdoch Books; $59.99).

TAMARA MAYNES
DESIGNER/CRAFTER

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Potentially fave space
"I'm splurging and staying at The Old Clare Hotel in Sydney soon," Tamara says. The 19th-century Chippendale pub has been transformed into a refined boutique hotel.



Best seats
"Anything by talented Melbourne chairmaker Bern Chandley," Tamara says of her fave chairs. The Lowback Welsh Stick chair is pictured.

TAMARA MAYNES, DESIGNER AND CRAFTING QUEEN

THINGS WERE ALWAYS BEING MADE IN TAMARA'S CHILDHOOD HOME: TRAYS OF ENAMELLED JEWELLERY CAME OUT OF THE OVEN BEFORE DINNER COULD GO IN AND HALF-STITCHED QUILTS WERE REMOVED FROM THE KITCHEN TABLE BEFORE DINNER COULD BE SERVED. CRAFTING IS IN HER BLOOD.

What did you want to be when you were a kid? "A big-city gal!"

Where did you grow up? "On a sheep and cattle farm in rural NSW, hence the big-city ambitions."

Were you a creative child? "Crazily so. The environment my young, artistic parents provided was highly conducive to it and I soaked up their own individual creative practices – such as leatherwork and macramé – like a sponge."

How did you get to where you are now? "I had big ideas and worked nights and weekends as a check-out chick throughout school. I left home at 17 and moved to Sydney. My first job out of high school was as a signwriter for a record store. Being paid to paint to loud music all day was a teenager's dream come true and it solidified my desire to always work as a creative. From there, I've continued to make sacrifices, take chances, remain consistent and work hard. Basically, I just followed my gut and put myself out there."

Who is your design hero? "Faye Toogood [British furniture and object designer]. The way she explores technique and materials, and marries form and function is truly heroic."

What book is on your bedside table? "*Vivienne Westwood* by Vivienne Westwood and Ian Kelly. This woman inspired me immensely as a fashion-crazed teenager in the '80s, and at 74-years-old she continues to do so."

And what is the style of your home interior? "It's a relaxed mix of old, new, inherited, found and made. I'm slowly working on introducing some investment pieces from my favourite makers and more crafted by me. But for now, I focus on bringing in fresh flowers – arranging them is a favourite part of the week."

What quality do you admire in others? "Awareness. It's a beautiful quality to have and a brave value to live by."

interview john mcdonald | **photography** scott hawkins (the old clare hotel); gettyimages.com.au (london)

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project cost
$13

PROJECT Rope ottoman

Step 1 Clean tyre and allow to dry.

Step 2 Place cake board on one side of tyre so it covers the open hole. Use drill and screws to attach board to tyre at three points around the edge of the board. Repeat on opposite side of tyre.

Step 3 In the middle of one of the boards, apply some glue (the size of a 10-cent piece) using the hot-glue gun. Working quickly, attach the end of your rope to the glue. Once glue has dried, start coiling the rope around itself, applying glue to the disc as you go. Ensure the rope is flush with previous coil.

Step 4 Once top of tyre is covered, flip upside down and continue coiling until the sides are covered. There's no need to cover the bottom of the tyre with rope as it will be on the floor. Top with a tray and display mags, flowers, knick-knacks…

PROJECT Secondhand **tyre** from Jax Tyres. 2 x cake **boards**, $5, The Base Warehouse. Syneco braided **rope**, $6 for 30m, Bunnings. **THE REST** Copenhagen **armchair** in Charme Russett, $1999, Freedom. Coralie **side table** in Copper, $140, Clickon Furniture. Mr Prickles **cacti** in dipped **pot**, $185, Matt Blatt. **ON OTTOMAN** For similar **tray**, try Metal hammered tray, $79.95, Zohi Interiors. Polyhedron **object**, $49, West Elm. **Succulent** from garden. **ON ARMCHAIR** Ferm Living "Inka Grey" **cushion**, $90, and By Lassen "Flow" **cushion** in Rose, $129, Urban Couture. **ON FLOOR** Geo Jacquard **throw**, $59, West Elm. **Sandals** from Zara. **ON WALL** Celebration **wall banner**, $129, Pony Rider. *For stockists, see page 176.*



You will need

- New or secondhand car tyre (you might be able to pick up a used one for free like we did)
- 2 x 55cm cake boards
- Drill & screws
- Hot-glue gun
- Rope (approx 40m)



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we all know and love the frosta stool from ikea, but who knew it could be this versatile? here are six wonderful ways to change it up

SIX WAYS



STOOL BENCH

Makes 1 **Time** 45 mins + drying

You will need 3 Frosta stools in Birch Plywood from Ikea; plywood sheet (45cm x 1.7m x 2.1cm); pencil; drill; jigsaw; medium-grit sandpaper; paintbrush; paint in colour of your choice (we used Dulux "Spartacus")

Step 1 Assemble stools as per instructions. Lay plywood on floor then sit stools upside down on top of plywood making sure they are evenly spaced. Trace around seats of stools with pencil.

Step 2 Drill a small hole inside one of the traced circles on plywood close to the edge of the circle – this is where you will insert the jigsaw. Use jigsaw to carefully cut out circle along marked line. Repeat to cut out remaining circles.

Step 3 Use one of the circles you cut out as a guide to round off the corners of the plywood. Trace with pencil then cut with jigsaw. Smooth any rough edges with sandpaper.

Step 4 Paint plywood with two coats of your chosen paint. Once dry, assemble bench. →

Project cost
$82.65



Project cost
$34.94

POT-PLANT HANGER

Makes 1 **Time** 25 mins

You will need Frosta stool in Birch Plywood from Ikea; drill; screws; scissors; 4.5m length of cotton yarn (we got ours from Zpagetti.com.au, it's made from fashion garment offcuts); pot plant

Step 1 Take one leg from the Frosta stool flatpack (you can use the remaining pieces to make another project). Use drill and screws to secure leg to the wall as an upside down "L" at your desired height. We placed ours over a circle of blue wallpaper for added effect.

Step 2 Cut yarn into 3 x 1.4m lengths. Double over yarn lengths, then tie a loop at the closed end big enough to fit over hook.

Step 3 Separate yarn into three groups of two, and about half way down make a knot. Take one piece of yarn from one pair and another from the one next to it and make a separate knot; repeat with remaining pieces. Gather pieces loosely together and tie a knot to secure.

Step 4 Place your pot plant inside the hanger. The knot at the bottom can be adjusted depending on the size of the pot.

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Project cost
$26.99

KIDS ROPE SWING

Makes 1 **Time** 15 mins

You will need Frosta stool in Birch Plywood from Ikea; drill; medium-grit sandpaper; 3-strand sisal rope, about 2.5cm thick (length depends on where you'd like to hang your swing; available from eBay or boating stores)

Step 1 Use a pencil and ruler to mark the centre of the Frosta stool seat (you can use the legs from the stool in another project).

Step 2 Drill a hole through marked point on seat just large enough to fit your rope through. Smooth any rough edges with sandpaper.

Step 3 Feed rope through hole in seat then tie a sturdy knot at the end of the rope on one side.

Step 4 Hang the rope swing just far enough off the ground so a kid can easily climb on.

Tip: Safety first! Make sure your swing is tied securely to a solid timber beam or large tree branch; this swing is not suitable for children over the age of 10. →

KEY HOLDER

Makes 1 **Time** 30 mins

You will need Frosta stool in Birch Plywood from Ikea; 3 twin hooks in colour of your choice (available from Bunnings or storage shops; if you can't find the colour you want, simply spray-paint them); screwdriver or drill; screws; 2m x 2.5cm-wide ribbon in colour of your choice; scissors; tacks; hammer

Step 1 Lay Frosta stool seat on ground (you can use the remaining parts for another project). Wrap ribbon around edge of seat leaving the top side loose (as shown in the picture). Use tacks and hammer to secure ribbon to seat. Trim any excess ribbon.

Step 2 Arrange hooks on seat in whatever position you like, then secure with screws and screwdriver or drill.

Step 3 Hang your new key holder on a hook near the door or in the hallway.



Project cost
$22.46 each



BEDSIDE LAMP

Makes 1 **Time** 1 hr

You will need Frosta stool in Birch Plywood from Ikea; pencil; ruler; drill; threaded rod; wing nut; 7 saddle clips spray-painted in colour of your choice; screwdriver; screws; pendant light (available from Beaconlighting.com.au)

Step 1 Take two of the Frosta stool's legs and measure and mark a point 7cm in from the bottom of both legs on the narrow sides. Drill a hole all the way through the legs at marked points. Secure legs together with a threaded rod and wing nut to create a "V" shape, then tighten wing nut to secure in place.

Step 2 Along one side of the legs (choose the side that will be facing the wall), weave pendant light cord in an "S" shape, as shown in picture, and secure using screwdriver, screws and saddle clips.

Step 3 Attach leg to the middle of the stool's seat with screws.

Step 4 Plug in light and turn on the switch. →

Project cost
$64.65

PHOTO DISPLAY

Makes 1 **Time** 20 mins

You will need Ruler; pencil; Frosta stool in Birch Plywood from Ikea; drill; wall fixtures (will depend on the type of wall you have); rope in colour and pattern of your choice; scissors; pegs or clips

Step 1 Measure and mark a horizontal line on your wall about 60cm long at your desired height.

Step 2 Take two legs from the Frosta stool flatpack (you can use the remaining pieces for another project). Use drill and appropriate wall fixtures to secure longer sides of legs to the wall in a "U" shape on the marked line.

Step 3 Thread rope through the holes in shorter ends of legs and secure at each end with knots. Trim excess rope. Note: there will already be two pre-drilled holes on each leg.

Step 4 Hang up your favourite pictures or inspirational images with pegs or clips.



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Dine with me Lance oval marble **dining table**, $1899, Harto "Rosalie" **chairs** in Realistic Blue, $590, and Bubble Ball **pendant light**, $345, Clickon Furniture. '70s **love seat** in Natural, $690, Byron Bay Hanging Chairs. LS Collections "Tread" **stool** in White, $199.95, Zanui. Assorted lightweight **pots**, from $140 each, Design Twins; holding **plants** from Bunnings. **ON TABLE** Ceramic **jug** in Navy, $88, Brooke Thorn **platter** in Deep Sea Blue, $230, Koskela. Milly Dent Design marbled **tumblers**, $48 each, Design Twins. Round flat-bottom flask **vase** (holding foliage), $75, Alchemy Produx. LS Collections "Squiggle" **vase**, $37.95, Zanui. Small glass **vase** (holding foliage), from eBay. **ON STOOL** Handsom x Milly Dent **cup** in Navy, $50, Milly Dent Design. **Magazine** from newsagent. **ON WALL** Zebra Fern **wallpaper** by Victoria Larson in Deep Sea, $123.50 a lineal m (1.27m wide), Emily Ziz Style Studio. **EMMA WEARS** Margot **top**, $49.95, Atmos & Here. Midnight Glitter **pants**, $260, Bec & Bridge. **ABOVE** Art Club Concept "Marble Illusion" **cushion** (on love seat), $69.95, Design Twins. Assorted **bowls** from Milly Dent Design. *For stockists, see page 176.*

sea breeze









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Di-vine Greenery plays an important role in the design process of this tropical home. *Turn the page for more.* →



SUMMER DAZE

WITH A NOD TO MODERNISM AND AN EYE TOWARD CONTEMPORARY, A COUPLE DESIGNED AND BUILT A RAW, RELAXING RETREAT



Holiday at home
The main house consists of an open living, dining and kitchen area and master bedroom, while two separate structures house more bedrooms. Raw materials – timber and concrete – form a natural patina over time. →







Lush living
Clockwise: from top left: concrete stepping stones mimic natural stone; built-in concrete seating was designed around existing trees; the sculptural island is a central gathering space.

SOMETIMES YOU CAN have too much of a good thing. Casper and Hein van der Merwe know this all too well. After running a busy guest house and restaurant for eight years, the couple grew tired of the “always a party” lifestyle and wanted to retreat to a quiet oasis away from the hustle and bustle. After searching high and low for the perfect property to build on, they found one perched on a hill just outside of town, fringed by a lush mangrove forest.

Casper and Hein imagined an elegant, clean-lined house where everything could open up. “With a superb climate such as this, we wanted to make the most of the outdoors,” Casper says. “We wanted to be able to fall out of bed and into the pool, or take a bath outside.” He counts some of the proponents of modernism such as Le Corbusier, Mies van der Rohe and Carlo Scarpa as inspiration for the home’s design. The property’s existing trees helped to form part of the design concept, too. →



Refreshing entrance
The front door slides open to reveal an expansive view of the pool and surrounding property. A collection of empty frames decorates the wall.

WHO LIVES HERE?
CASPER AND HEIN VAN DER MERWE WITH THEIR THREE YOUNG SONS

Added costs Being in a remote area, almost all of the building materials, including fittings, were imported. "We literally had to truck in everything – taps, basins, lighting and ironmongery," Hein explains, "which adds another layer of logistics and costs to the building project."

Plants galore To complement the existing trees on the property, the couple planted more than 140 new trees, including cashew, flamboyant, Indian almond and Pride of India.

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Back to nature
Casper kept the material palette for the interiors all natural, mixing wood, leather and rattan furniture. Curtains temper the sun without blocking the cool sea breeze. →



Extended living
An L-shaped patio wraps around the master bedroom and living area, helping to blur the line between indoors and out.



Room for two
Off the master bedroom, a private courtyard features twin showers and a sunken bath for romantic evenings under the starry sky.



Open, close
Open plan takes on a whole new dimension as large timber doors slide open to create a seamless extension from indoors to out. The home was designed around the property's mature trees; a Natal mahogany takes centre stage by the outdoor pool area. →



Clear divide
Casper designed and made the headboard in the master bedroom – it doubles as a dividing wall to the ensuite. A mosquito net means the doors can stay open, too.

The plan of the house is straightforward: a long rectangle of brick and wooden columns, which frees up the walls to become large timber sliding doors that give a whole new meaning to open-plan living. The sliding doors, reminiscent of Japanese *shoji* screens, which act as doors, windows and room dividers all in one, allow whole facades of the house to open up. It's also a natural way to control the building's climate, Casper explains. "We just close the exposed side if it's windy or raining."

A 600mm clerestory window that runs below the roofline creates the impression the roof is floating above columns and walls. The feature also allows natural light into the space when the doors are closed. Although not a typical modernist glass box, the transparency achieved by the openness of the house accomplishes the ideologies of Casper's modernist icons. The end result is an original house that melds with its surroundings while making its occupants keenly aware of their environment, not to mention a comfortable and relaxing retreat far away from hustle and bustle of the busy town – exactly what Casper and Hein were looking for.

Having a ball
Jake, Thando, Riley and Tasi relish the pool and generous outdoor entertaining areas. →











FINISHES

CURTAINS Teresia sheer in **White** (A), $12 a pair, Ikea. **FLOORING** PCV polished concrete veneer in **Chardonnay** (B), from $270 a sq m, Pangaea Floors. **DECKING** Claymark **treated pine** (C), $6.98 a lineal m, Bunnings. **WALL CLADDING** V-joint lining boards in **Tasmanian Oak** (D), $9.58 a lineal m, Bunnings. **EXTERIOR PAINT** Dulux Weathershield in **Blue Sou'wester** (E), $89.85 for 4L. *For stockists, see page 176.*



Window or art?
A long, narrow window on a timber-clad wall almost looks like art as it frames the view.



KEY
A Entrance
B Master bedroom
C Ensuite
D Outdoor shower/bath
E Sundeck
F Pool
G Living area
H Outdoor dining
I Kitchen
J Scullery
K Bedroom
L Ensuite

floorplan & still-life styling christina banos | **photography** greg cox/bureaux.co.za (lifestyle shots)



Leafy view
Evenings start in the kitchen, move to the dining table on the verandah and end by the pool.



Summer addition
Bodel knit **throw** in Marshmallow, $149, Country Road.



Stack it up
Industrial Flynn **shelf unit**, $1654, Vavoom Emporium. *1.83m x 35cm x 1.9m.*

CASPER & HEIN'S MOODBOARD

Colourful, tribal patterns combine with industrial surfaces and natural materials for a playful, exotic look



Top gradient
Arora Indigo bottle **vase**, $64.95, Madras Link.



Golden glow
Deity **bowl** in Gold, $59.95, Freedom. *28cm dia.*



Tribal style
Kalahari cotton **cushion**, $49.95, Rapee. *45cm.*



Sleek silver
A69.08.V2 Icon **sink mixer** in Brushed Platinum, $634, Astra Walker.



Solid & sturdy
Henderson **dining table** in Natural, $1799, Freedom. *2.1m x 1m.*

Handcrafted comfort
Round Bucket **chair** in Natural, $495, Weylandts.

Animal instinct
Kudu Inner **horns**, $185 each, Contents ID.



Steely gaze
Replica Xavier Pauchard "Tolix" **stool** in Galvanized, $165, Matt Blatt. *75cm high.*



Colourful culture
Chile cotton **cushion**, $49.95, Rapee. *45cm.*

IN THIS HOME, A FEW PIECES WERE SPLURGED ON TO TRICK UP THE INEXPENSIVE ITEMS



Milky way
Homeowner Lauren Li removed a laundry to open up the kitchen/dining area. The extension table is from Freedom, Swiss milk poster, The Galerie, and Lumi pendant, Articolo.

simple spaces

Light brigade
The small apartment was painted in Dulux "Natural White"; it contributes to the light, spacious vibe. The mid-century bookcase is from Designage and the Arflex "Pecorelle" chair is from Poliform. The artwork is by Hannah Fox. →



Doorway to sleeptime
In the living room, a '70s archway was replaced with a barn-like, steel sliding door, from eBay, to minimise noise. V-groove wall panelling is used as a feature. Kids drawings hang on the Menu "My Spot" line. The Via Martine photo came from Norsu Interiors.



text diana prichard | **photography** eve wilson | **styling** studio moore



Ruggy tales
A large Ikea "Stockholm" rug makes the room feel generous. "My pet hate is rugs that are too small – they float around the room and don't do anything," Lauren says. The Moroso "Bloomy" yellow chair is from Hub. →

RENOVATING ON A TIGHT BUDGET, Lauren Li still managed to employ a whole host of great ideas to make her Melbourne, 1970s brick-veneer unit a comfortable, light-filled home – and include a few luxury items to boot.

The 68-sq-m, two-bedroom unit is also home to husband Phil and daughters Indigo and Coco, so practical, space-saving, airy solutions were a must. "We took out the laundry to open up the kitchen/dining area, and removed a cupboard to extend the bathroom to include a Euro laundry," Lauren explains. "We use every inch of space so I'm really pleased with the minor alterations we made to the floorplan." While the front door opens to the living room, Lauren created an "entry" with wall-mounted shoe storage, mirror, hooks and rug. In the living area, a large bookcase offers storage and "hides" the TV. Floor-to-ceiling sheer curtains create a feel of height. By the dining table, a Lauren-designed bench allows for extra bods. And in the renovated bathroom, a handy double basin was installed, and laundry, too – at bathtime, dirty clothes are popped straight into the machine.

Around the home, a few pieces were splurged on "to trick up the inexpensive items", Lauren says. She couldn't resist the "super-comfortable" Arflex "Pecorelle" armchair from Poliform in the living room. "It was a splurge but I fell in love with it," she says. In the renovated kitchen, Anthropologie knobs add interest to Ikea cabinets, and a Stone Italiana bench and handmade Perini tile splashback add luxe. Tapware was a splurge, too. "As they're something used all day they need to be functional and look great," Lauren says. While original timber floors feature, there's carpet in bedrooms. "It's beautiful to walk on and adds luxury." Luxe for less.



Go for colour
Lauren loves colour in her renovated kitchen. “If I get sick of the Ikea cupboards, I can swap them for other fronts as they’re generally inexpensive.” The cupboard handles are from Anthropologie. The brass mixer is from Sussex Taps. Vintage Ercol chairs work with modern surfaces.

WHO LIVES HERE?

INTERIOR DESIGNER LAUREN LI, HER HUSBAND PHIL, AND DAUGHTERS INDIGO, 3, COCO, 1. SISALLA.COM.AU @SISALLA_INTERIOR_DESIGN

Lauren's loves "The colour of the kitchen cupboards keeps the space interesting, giving it life. I also love the patterned floor tiles in the bathroom. Lighting works really well; we've used various wall lights and pendants that allow for flexibility and create atmosphere. V-groove wall panelling adds texture and enhances the beach location – we're wedged between the beach and Parkdale, a Melbourne bayside suburb."
Plan D "The next plan is for the courtyard. It needs a new deck and paving so that we can use the space for dining," Lauren says.





Double relaxing Lauren removed a cupboard to extend her renovated bathroom, above left, and include a laundry. Storage under the Ikea double vanity is useful, too. "Having a double vanity was non-negotiable!" she says. "Although the bathroom is small, we managed to fit it in and it works well for our family." A round Caprice mirror, from Mirror Mirror, opens up and softens the space. **Sleeping beauty** In the master bedroom, above right, carpet enhances the cosy feel while the white Globe West bedside tables are "visually light". An upholstered bedhead is from Forty Winks. "It's practical, soft and looks great," Lauren says. Artwork by Hannah Fox. →









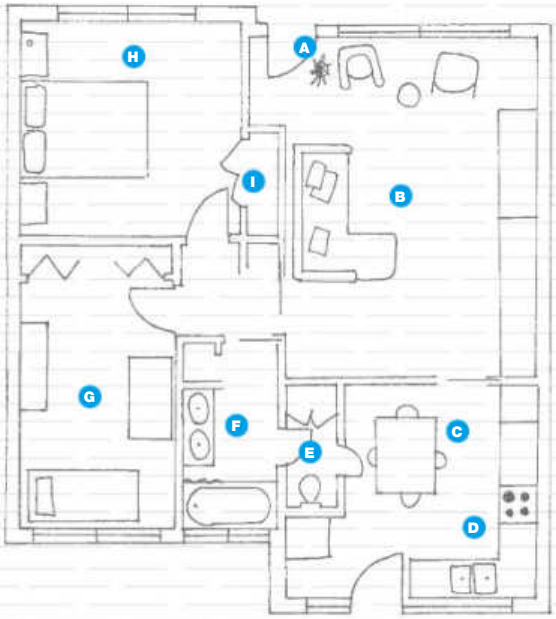
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FINISHES

CARPET Redbook Green Life in **Floral Fields** (A), from $68 a sq m, Carpet Court. **KITCHEN SPLASHBACK** Agrestic tiles in **White Gloss** (B; 75mm x 150mm), $58.99 a sq m, Beaumont Tiles. **WALLPAPER** Safari in **Blush** (C), and City Toile in **Parchment** (D), both $140USD for 9m roll (68.6cm wide), Rifle Paper Co. **INTERIOR PAINT** Dulux Wash & Wear in **Natural White** (E), $71.90 for 4L. *For stockists, see page 176.*



Welcome home
"Although there isn't an entry as such, we've made the most of the space behind the door – we needed to maximise the storage," Lauren says. An Ikea shoe cabinet does the trick, with room for keys on top. A Safari Living "Brita Sweden" rug zones the space.



KEY
A Entrance **B** Living area **C** Dining **D** Kitchen **E** Toilet
F Bathroom **G** Bedroom **H** Master bedroom **I** Linen cupboard

floorplan & still-life styling christina banos | **photography** eve wilson (lifestyle shots)

Brassy girl
It's the attention to detail that gives this home panache. The brass wall light in the kitchen, from Cedar & Moss, ties in with the tumbled brass-finish tapware; the patina wears beautifully.

For the wall
HD3 **wall lamp** in Gold, from $192, ISM Objects.

Pastel hue
Flynn round **mirror** in Blush, $199, Urban Couture. *50cm dia.*

Master stroke
Meander oil on canvas **artwork**, $850, Hannah Fox. *61cm x 51cm.*

Up, down
Flos "Parentesi" suspension **lamp**, $530, Euroluce.

LAUREN'S MOODBOARD

Scandi-inspired pieces mix with cool colours, natural textures and hints of brass for a casual, stylish home

Marble mad
Square marble **trivet**, $75, Marble Basics. *30cm.*

Textural touch
Classic leather **cushion** in Tan (40cm), $120, Mr & Mrs White. *Reverse is linen.*

Denim dream
Rufus **chair** in Washed Denim/Smoke, $3620, Jardan.

Hexy storage
Metal **box** with lid in Gold, $7.95, H&M. *7cm x 4cm.*

Room for all
"The custom-designed bench maximises space and allows us to squish lots of friends in for dinner," Lauren says.

Mr prickles
Cereus hildmannianus **cactus** from Hamilton's World Of Cacti. *Pot not included.*

Striking stripes
Stockholm **rug**, from $299 for 1.7m x 2.4m, Ikea.

Pretty pour
Marimekko 700ml **teapot** in Oiva White, $99, Funkis.

On the side
Siena **bedside table** in White Aluminium, $900, Globe West.

original patina



A 17th-century farmhouse is respectfully restored with a light touch

Sunny haven On steamy afternoons, the family of four relax poolside or in the shaded courtyard. The home's charming exterior has been left untouched. **Upon reflection** An antique mirror reflects the sitting area where a vase of dried local grasses and flowers makes for a natural focal point. Stony linens complement the chalky white walls.

WHO LIVES HERE?

ANNA KARIN PUNTI, A MODEL, WITH HER PHOTOGRAPHER HUSBAND OLIVIER AND THEIR TWO KIDS, NILS AND CLEMENTINE. THE HOUSE IS A WORKING B&B. LES-SARDINES.COM

Personal touch Anna Karin likes to be resourceful when it comes to decorating and re-covers old sofas and cushions with matching fabric or linen. She also fills the home with vases of local wildflowers – a great styling idea that costs nothing.

Beautiful bathrooms Like the rest of the home's rooms, each bathroom has a different colour palette or "theme". Some even feature original pebble flooring creating a holiday-at-home feel. →

Dine outside
Anna Karin sets the table outside for breakfast. A blue gingham tablecloth is a homely touch.

BEAUTY IS OFTEN FOUND in imperfection. Take this 17th-century farmhouse in Gattigues in the south of France, for example. Its crumbling exterior stone walls, untamed vines, rough interior walls and faded floor tiles are all part of the home's unique charm – just ask its owners, Anna Karin and Olivier Punti. The model and photographer, respectively, discovered the neglected farmhouse in the small village of Gattigues about 15 years ago, and it has been a labour of love ever since.

Before it was safe for the family to move in, the two-storey structure needed to be restored from top to bottom, but that didn't deter Anna Karin and Olivier, who left Paris with their two kids Nils and Clementine in need of a bigger home and a quieter, more simple lifestyle. Along with major structural work, the home's finer details were rescued, too, as the couple wanted to keep as much of the farmhouse's personality. The high ceilings, original floor tiles – which vary from room to room – and decorative fireplaces and window frames were all restored to their former glory. →



Kick back A single wrought-iron bed is transformed into a day bed with plush pink quilts. **Sit or dip** A Peter Pan-esque shadow prepares to take the plunge. Chairs add colour.



No need for a rug
Original floor tiles laid in the centre of the living area mimic a patterned rug. Decorations are eclectic and unexpected – a bust sits in an old service window.



Mellow mezzanine
A black cabinet, which has worn over time, is a stark contrast against the textured white walls. Wine is at the ready for relaxed afternoons on the day bed. →

The most noticeable and defining change to the home's interior are the wall colours. Original render was left untouched and each room was washed with a different chalky hue – the art of imperfection is also practiced here – from pool blue and crisp white to dusty pink and moody blue-grey. As each room sports a different colour, cohesion is created through Anna Karin's rustic-chic styling. Aged timber and rusted wrought-iron furniture is paired with soft, faded linens and a few eclectic pieces for a look that is unexpected yet welcoming.

Outside, a generously sized pool and shaded courtyard are perfect for the family to enjoy on warm days. There are plenty of quiet corners to retreat to, as well; a luxurious day bed and cosy timber bench covered with comfy quilts and cushions beckon a good book and refreshing drink. The farmhouse's new lease on life is perfectly imperfect.





Two-tone treat
Family photos and art are displayed atop a wall-hung timber cabinet, which is juxtaposed with an Eames chair. A strip of aqua paint is applied in an uneven way for added charm.

Quiet setting The courtyard feels private thanks to overgrown vines and plants. With a range of seating, from wrought-iron chairs to timber benches, there's a spot for everyone to take time out. Above it, linen drapes create a tented feel on the balcony. **Optical illusion** To make the windows look bigger in the bedrooms, Anna Karin hung floor-to-ceiling linen curtains from copper pipe off-cuts. A clever optical trick! The bed is dressed with vintage linen sheets, in all their crinked glory. →











FINISHES

FLOORING Encaustic antique tiles in **Florette** (A), $425 a sq m, Jatana. **MIRROR** Antique mirror glass in **Brixton** (B), $495 a sq m, Antique Mirror Glass. **INTERIOR PAINT** Dulux Wash & Wear in **Monroe** (C), and **Salt Spray Half** (D), both $85.90 for 4L. Murobond Pure Chalk in **Rice Paper** (E), $138 for 4L. *For stockists, see page 176.*



Hint of sparkle
A timber cabinet has been repurposed as a double vanity. The moody grey-blue palette is restful to the eye.

FIRST FLOOR



GROUND FLOOR



KEY
A Entrance
B Bedroom
C Storage
D Stairs
E Kitchen
F Dining
G Wash room
H Spare room
I Pool
J Bathroom
K Office

floorplan & still-life styling christina banos | **photography** sunna & marc van praag (lifestyle shots)



Sweet dreams
In lieu of a bedhead, a painted fresco visually anchors the bed against the wall. A pair of floor lamps replace bedside lamps.

Sparkle & shine
Pirouette 8-light **pendant light** in Chrome with Crystal, $469, Beacon Lighting.

Decorative design
Victoria ornate antique **photo frame**, $22.95, Zanui. *10.2cm x 15.2cm.*

Grassy hue
Bistro **folding chair** in Grass Green, $150, The Urban Balcony. *24 colours available.*

ANNA KARIN'S MOODBOARD

A relaxed but glam farmhouse feel is created with distressed finishes, antique detail and a touch of bling

Best of brass
Brunswick **floor lamp** in Brass, $490, Regency Distribution.

Pretty trim
Natalia **cushion**, $49.95, My House. *30cm x 40cm.*

Bright stripes
Linen House "Metallic Stripe" **cushion** in Coral, $54.95, Zanui. *45cm.*

Made in India
Kijno **quilt** in Indigo, $395, Weylandts.

Handmade charm
Cloud **bowls** in White and Lilac, $30 each, Nathan + Jac.

Rustic pour
Metal **pitcher** in French Navy Blue, $24.95, French Knot Designs.

Time for a nap...
Lille single **day bed** in White, $699, Early Settler. *Mattress not included; 1m x 2m x 98cm.*

A family achieve their dream for a quiet life in an old home where they can create a **relaxed holiday feel**



NATURE'S



Easy on the eye White walls and concrete floors set the simple, rustic tone in the home. In the kitchen, old fruit crates hang on the wall as decoration. The black table and benches were made by a local cabinetmaker.
A life uncluttered Opposite, a few key pieces, many street market treasures, are carefully arranged in the "library" in the living room to suit the home's pared-back style. →

NEUTRALS

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styling julia mincarelli/sisters agency

AFTER A BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY in the countryside, where the scent of pine trees filled the air and the sight of lavender fields was a feast for the eyes, city residents the Robinsons – Mark and Lisa and their daughters Lily and Emma – were keen to buy a house there. Craving the quieter life, it was important that the home was private, as well as old and have a garden allowing for relaxing outdoors. As soon as the real estate agent showed the family this property they knew it was the place for them. It was charmingly isolated – situated just outside a village – and was suitably old, well over 100 years. It also had an expansive garden of 1200 sq m – plenty of space for the adults to roam and the children to play.

Although the property was old, it was still in reasonable shape, having been renovated by a previous owner 15 years previously. "We could just move in," Lisa comments. During that renovation, concrete flooring was laid throughout the house, and a concrete benchtop installed in the kitchen. The only rooms the new owners wanted to tweak were the bathrooms. "We laid out hardwood floors because we think it's nicer to walk on in the morning, and it matches the wooden beams in the ceiling, creating a warm, cosy atmosphere," Lisa explains. →



Useful aesthetic
The kitchen countertop is made from concrete for durable style. The clamp light is attached wherever task light is needed. Wicker baskets under the sink, handy for recyclables, were found in an antique shop.



Big enough for two
Custom-built "library" bookshelves, made from old and new elements, add warmth, as does the handwoven coir rug. A Habitat sofa came from the UK. An antique mirror leans against the wall.

Rough diamonds In the master bedroom, below, old shutters are transformed into a headboard on the bed side of the room and on the other side, they become part of a walk-in wardrobe, with open shelves attached to them for clothes. A stack of old fruit boxes by the mirror are used as a shelf. **Bookish nature** *The 4 Dreams Of Miss X* book, at centre, is a collaboration between lingerie house Agent Provocateur and British model Kate Moss. **Simple ritual** The bathroom, pictured at far right, is sublimely simple, with two white porcelain washbasins, by Duravit, on one of two floating concrete shelves. The dark timber floor grounds the space with its earthiness.



While much of the appeal of the home was its distance from the frantic city, it was also important for Lisa and Mark, too, that the interior reflect the simple life – and exude a year-round summery holiday atmosphere. A few carefully selected, rustic but functional pieces of furniture were all that the family needed, with some of it made locally for a more personal touch. The odd market find adds character, giving a warm, aged look. "We have always liked the local flea markets and many of our things have been found there," Lisa comments.

Colourwise, the interior palette was kept neutral. "So it invites you to relax inside," she says. For the pinky-red exterior and extensive garden provide colour enough. There is plenty of space to relax outside, too. Along with the wild garden, there are three terraces to choose from, with pergolas for shade. Pass the Pimm's…





WHO LIVES HERE?

GRAPHIC DESIGNER LISA ROBINSON, HER HUSBAND MARK, AN ENGINEER, AND DAUGHTERS LILY, 11, AND EMMA, 10

Wild tales "We do let the grass grow high [see page 113]," Lisa admits. "So it becomes a little wild. Life is to enjoy and relax and there is nothing better than to be with a book in the shade and listen to the cicadas on a summer day." **Imaginative creations** In one of the bathrooms, the couple used antique shutters to create a shower wall. A similar effect was created for the walk-in robe in the master bedroom, seen opposite. →









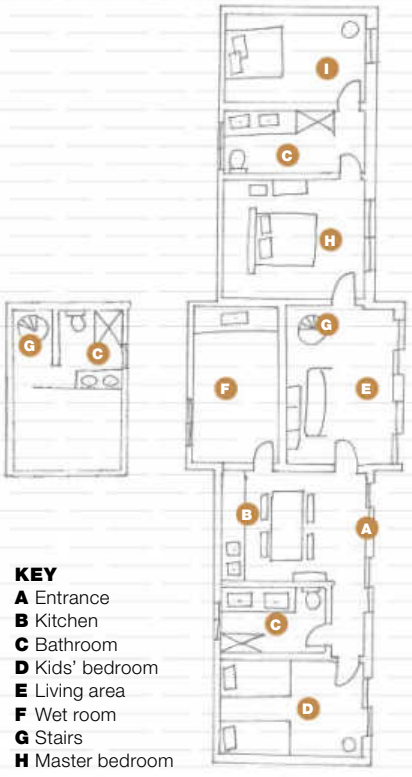


FINISHES

PERGOLA ROOF Eden "Euro Reed" fence **screening** (A; 3m x 1.8m), $16.69, Bunnings. **EXTERIOR PAINT** Murobond Pure Wall Flat in **Jewel** (B), $104 for 4L. **BATHROOM FLOOR** Eco-Walk 1 Strip in **Ironbark** (C), from $83 a sq m (supply only), Choices Flooring. **INTERIOR PAINT** Murobond Pure Low Sheen in **Smart White** (D), $89 for 4L. **FLOORING** Polished concrete veneer in **Chardonnay** (E), from $270 a sq m, Pangaea. *For stockists, see page 176.*



Simply furnished
The pared-back theme continues in the second bathroom. Simple furnishings include two stainless-steel sinks, a shelf, a pair of mirrors and an old wicker chair.



KEY
A Entrance
B Kitchen
C Bathroom
D Kids' bedroom
E Living area
F Wet room
G Stairs
H Master bedroom
I Bedroom

floorplan & still-life styling christina banos
photography birgitta w. drejer/sisters agency (lifestyle shots)



Dappled sunlight
Homeowner Lisa loves to stroll through the garden of palms, fig trees and swimming pool.

Clip it!
Cage clip **pendant** $79.95, Cranmore Home.

Room for more
XL **cupboard** in Grey, $2950, HK Living. *2.01m x 1.62m x 40cm.*

Long & lean
Palvi **mirror**, $299, Early Settler. *1.7m x 70cm.*

LISA & MARK'S MOODBOARD

Rustic timber, concrete swathes, market buys and a neutral palette result in a warm, cool and restful family home

Neat & tidy
Moroccan Grande **basket** with short leather handles, $79.90, Citta Design.

Something fishy
Fish Fin **cushion** in Blue, $55.10, Zazzle. *About 41cm.*

Countertop babe
Edge 45 **basin**, $750, Victoria + Albert. *45cm x 32.2cm x 11cm.*

Classic cool
The Spencer **fedora**, $59, Lack Of Color.

Outdoor indoor
Falster **bench** in Grey, $100, Ikea. *1.3m long.*

Task lighting
Fluro **lamp** in Black, $55, Fat Shack Vintage.

Seat/side table
Cabo square concrete **stool**, $380, Globe West. *40cm x 40cm x 45cm.*

Edgy rustic
Atelier teak **storage box**, $189, Zanui. *30cm x 30cm x 42cm.*

Hot spot
Contrasting with the cool monochrome interior, the exterior of the home has been treated with a liberal dose of vivid colour.


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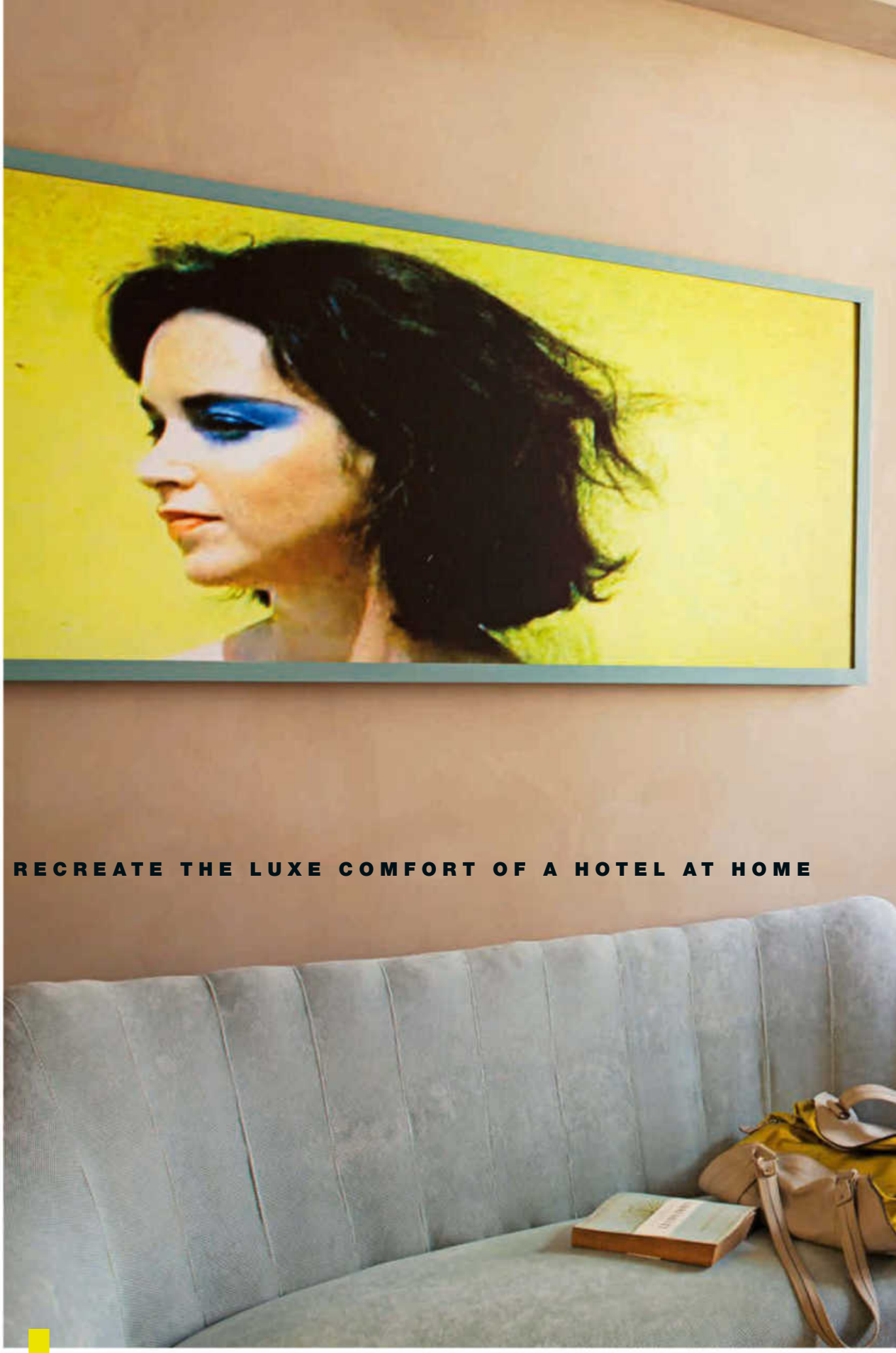


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Holiday at home Steal the style of the divine CasaCau hotel apartments in the heart of Rome – they're both super-stylish and super-comfortable, with a place for everything. *Flip the page for lots of attainable ideas.* →

HOTEL



STYLE TO STEAL! RECREATE THE LUXE COMFORT OF A HOTEL AT HOME



STYLE STEAL
WALL-MOUNTED BOXES MAKE FOR GREAT STORAGE IN A COMPACT SPACE. PAINT THEM INSIDE AND OUT TO SUIT YOUR INTERIOR SCHEME

Complete combination
Functional design was essential in the apartments at hotel CasaCau in Rome, but so were the aesthetics. Here, a striking artwork, floor-to-ceiling curtain and sculptural pendant give the room its deluxe look. →



STYLE STEAL
CREATE AN UNEXPECTED PLACE SETTING WITH TRADITIONAL CROCKERY, CONTEMPORARY GLASSWARE AND BLINGY GOLD CUTLERY

HOTEL TIP
DUAL-USE SPACES, LIKE THIS OFFICE-CUM-LIVING ROOM, ARE KEY TO THE EFFICIENCY OF HOTEL ROOMS – IT'S A DESIGN TRICK THAT CAN BE ADAPTED TO THE HOME, TOO

HOTEL INTERIOR DESIGNERS often want to create a home-away-from-home feel for guests, but the sparkling clean, uncluttered rooms and luxe touches – not to mention room service and housekeeping – are far removed from the reality of many homes. It's more about creating a *dream* home-away-from-home, and it works! For lots of people, the best bit about going on holidays is the hotel and its seemingly spacious rooms (designers are expert at maximising storage – there's a place for everything in the smallish spaces, keeping the look clean).

If you'd like to bring the stylishly comfortable hotel look home, it's not that difficult to replicate. We've taken inspiration from the unique CasaCau (Casacau.com), situated in the heart of Rome, Italy. Designed by Nora Pastore and Alessandra Proiette, it's a collection of five apartments, each with their own dining space and open-plan kitchen. The apartments are smart but informal, comfortable but luxe, functional but characterful, and contemporary but with lots of vintage pieces in the mix. They are attainable style, with ideas worth stealing (just leave the bathrobes alone!). So, let's grab the room keys and have a peek inside… →

STYLE STEAL
MAX OUT ALL YOUR NOOKS AND CRANNIES – CASE IN POINT: THIS COLOURFUL UNDER-STAIR KITCHENETTE





Designing women Nora Pastore and Alessandra Proiette (pictured above left), of design studio NORAP+P PROJECT (Nora-p.com), are the women behind the design of the CasaCau apartments. **Creature comforts** The apartments are a mix of styles and materials, featuring vintage objects and furniture found at flea markets plus contemporary pieces, including those designed by NORAP+P PROJECT. **Modern designs** The kitchenettes in each apartment are an example of Nora and Alessandra's pragmatic use of space.

text diana prichard | **photography** alessandra ianniello/living inside

HOTEL TIP
IN A SMALL INTERIOR FOOTPRINT, BUILT-IN FURNITURE – LIKE THIS DINING NOOK OFF THE KITCHENETTE – IS A GREAT SPACE SAVER



Start with the entrance. Hotels often have a great foyer with an amazing centrepiece to catch the eye. It sets the scene for what's to come. It might be a stupendous pendant, like the fabulous 1970s sphere light, below, or squishy chairs for people-watching. If your entrance is small, you can still include a welcoming focal point that reflects your style – antique table, kooky shelves, sweet chair…

But it's the bedroom, specifically the bed, that's the main act at CasaCau, and any hotel. So put your money here. Go for the best mattress you can afford, and sheets, too. Choose natural fibres (Egyptian cotton is beautiful) and the highest threadcount. For extra comfort, layer two bottom sheets, and make your bed with hospital corners for a professional finish. There's nothing more luxe than slipping into a well-made bed. And as evident at CasaCau, unique bedheads finish the look.

The bathrooms, too, are as peaceful as they are luxurious. A large bath or shower, striking artworks and contemporary light fittings give a decadent vibe. If you can, put in a glass-enclosed walk-in shower, two basins and heated towel rack and flooring for the ultimate in luxe. Or cheat with accessories: plush towels, beautiful soaps, scented candles. You'll never leave home.

STYLE STEAL
IF YOU HAVE LOTS OF BLANK WALLS, INSTEAD OF HANGING ARTWORKS, LINE THEM WITH NARROW SHELVES THAT YOU CAN FILL WITH BOOKS AND ART



Enter this way Take a leaf out of CasaCau's reception area, above, designed in the style of a 1950s living room. It has great character, hinting at the look of the apartments beyond. The skinny shelves that run around the room visually recede as they're painted in the same colour as the wall. **Natural white** This smooth milky wall colour is replicated in each of the hotel's apartments (seen above left and opposite), providing a neutral base to layer over. →



STYLE STEAL

USE PAINT TO SIMULATE ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS LIKE SKIRTING OR WAINSCOTING ON WALLS

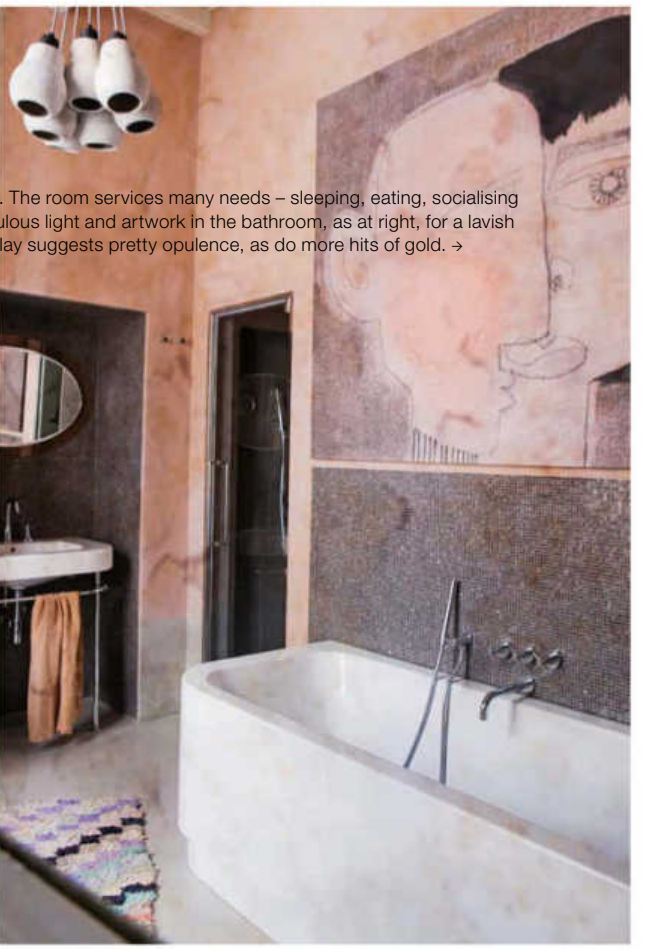


STYLE STEAL
TO GET THAT CALMING FIVE-STAR FEEL, WORK SYMMETRY INTO YOUR INTERIOR – BEDSIDES, LIGHTS, ETC



STYLE STEAL

CARRY YOUR BEDROOM SCHEME THROUGH TO THE BATHROOM. HERE THIS WAS ACHIEVED THROUGH CONTINUITY OF THE BLUSH AND GREY PALETTE



Beautiful eye A couple of squishy chairs and a coffee table facing the bed ramp up the retreat-like feel. The room services many needs – sleeping, eating, socialising and reading. Use large artworks to make a statement. **Blushing faces** And don't be afraid to put a fabulous light and artwork in the bathroom, as at right, for a lavish look. **Feeling fruity** Decor should extend to the finer details such as tableware. The generous fruit display suggests pretty opulence, as do more hits of gold. →



HOTEL TIP
AN ARRANGEMENT OF FRUIT WILL ACT AS A DECORATIVE DISPLAY – UNTIL IT GETS EATEN!





Ancient modern A large painting of a Roman fresco is made into a bedhead, adding a subtle focal point to the room and dictating its restful colour scheme. It adds to the mix of old and modern pieces – always a winning combination. **Bathing bliss** The ensuite off this bedroom is finished in the same cool blue and grey tones. **Seeing green** The kitchen is colour blocked in dark green with handle-free cupboards for a streamlined effect. →

STYLE STEAL
TRANSFORM A PAINTED CANVAS INTO AN UPHOLSTERED BEDHEAD



HOTEL TIP
SHEER CURTAINS ALLOW FOR FILTERED LIGHT AND PRIVACY WITHOUT HIDING THE VIEW

STYLE STEAL

COLOUR-BLOCK CABINETRY IN THE KITCHEN AND BATHROOM

Colour code A simple colour palette in the apartments keeps the look unfussy but still sophisticated. The colours are generally subtle for a calming effect – particularly important in bedrooms. **What's old is new** In the kitchen areas, below right, the contemporary, boxy wall storage contrasts with the vintage dining table and chairs; these may be old but are in mint condition for a quality vibe. **In the zone** Timber floors add a feeling of luxury and warmth, and are further cosied up with a woolly rug. Rugs not only make a room feel more intimate, but help create different zones. A throw over an armchair adds another welcoming layer to the room. Varied lighting gives each room its own character.



STYLE STEAL
DISTRESSED PRESSED-TIN PANELS MAKE AN EYE-CATCHING BEDHEAD



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STYLE STEAL

FURNITURE AND ACCESSORIES TAKE THEIR COLOUR CUES FROM THE ARTWORK – A LIMITED PALETTE LOOKS ELEGANT AND PROFESSIONAL



BEFORE & AFTER

BYRON REVAMPED

HAVING A CLEAR VISION HELPED FASHION DESIGNER KELLI WHARTON EASILY TRANSFORM A BORING BLONDE-BRICK SUBURBAN HOUSE INTO A COOL BEACHY ABODE







Beach living Living across the road from the beach is a bonus in most people's books, especially when there are two young active sons. Fashion designer Kelli Wharton and her family spend several days on the white sands south of Byron Bay every week, and she wanted her home to fit in with this laidback lifestyle. **Surf's up** A garage built from merbau timber, seen opposite, is at the front of the property. This is where the family's surfboards live, including this mini mal from Kelli's label Talulah. **Insta: @talulah_label** →



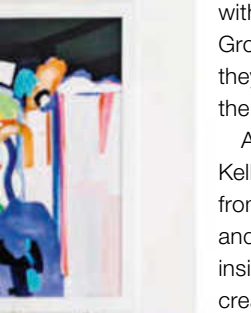
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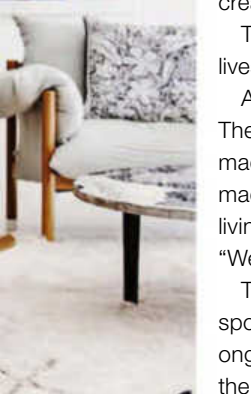
Cool and calm
Kelli wanted to use the elements of stone and wood in the interior, reflecting the surrounding environment. “Being at the beach and having two young boys, it was important for us that the house be easy and functional for our lifestyle,” she says. The marble-topped dining table is from Coco Republic while the chairs are from Fenton&Fenton.



BEFORE









MOVING TO BYRON BAY and its surrounding beach suburbs is a dream for many. It's always been a magnet for beachy types but, over recent years, it's also become a hub for creatives. About five years ago Kelli Wharton, the founder and creative director behind the fashion brand Talulah (Talulah.com.au), relocated her business from Brisbane to the Byron area. The move was with her husband Bradley Lloyd, managing director of the label's parent company The Locale Group. While the couple hadn't started a family at that point, they were looking for a place were they could live for years to come, and that would easily absorb and withstand the pitter patter then rough and tumble of little feet.

As it turns out they found the perfect place. Although many others couldn't see the potential, Kelli had a clear idea of what it could become. The house was ideally located across the road from one of the area's popular beaches and it was a decent size with more than 700 sq m of land and three decent-sized bedrooms. But the single-storey house was built from blonde bricks and inside the decor was veering towards granny chic. The garden was also mostly a driveway. "I love creating, so the idea of doing some serious renovations didn't scare me off at all," Kelli says.

There was another key reason for buying the house. Kelli's brother lives next door and her mum lives down the street. Having family close by with plans for a young family made it an easy choice.

After living in an old Queenslander in Brisbane, the couple were keen for a modern beachy home. They looked at a few before discovering their current place and bought it in May 2009. Initially they made some changes to make the place more liveable. At the time it had many small rooms, which made it feel dark. The first key change was to knock down the walls between the kitchen and living spaces, renovate the bathroom, replace old carpet with tiles, and create an outdoor space. "We kept this first stage simple and beachy, with future and larger renovations in mind," Kelli says.

The next stage of the renovations began in 2014 after the couple drafted their own plans. They spoke to various builders in January and appointed Tim Dobson to the job in July. The work was ongoing over a six-month period, but the couple moved out for only six weeks because most of the build either didn't affect the main living space or was in the exterior area. →



STAR PENDANT



HERO ARTWORK



Child's play Son Hunter, nestled among cushions from Talulah's homewares range, enjoys playtime in a family room that was converted from a bedroom. **Colour confidence** The artwork, above, by Ali McNabney-Stevens is one of Kelli's favourite pieces in the house. The pendant is from Ahoy Trader.

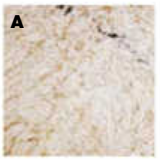
"THE LARGE BLACK ALUMINIUM DOORS WERE A MAJOR PART OF OUR RECENT RENOVATION AS IT TOTALLY OPENED UP THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF THE HOUSE"

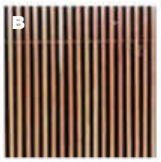


Chill-out zone
A coffee table from Ahoy Trader makes a bold statement in the living room. The Izzah Beni Ourain rug from Marr-Kett is a recent addition.
Creature comforts
The Wilfred armchair from Jardan is made for kicking back in and enjoying a good mag. The artwork is by Ali McNabney-Stevens.
Curated finds
A pink cushion from Bonnie And Neil brightens up a chair from Fenton&Fenton in Melbourne. The standing sound system is from JVC while the Lichtenstein print was purchased while on holiday in Paris.



MATERIAL PALETTE











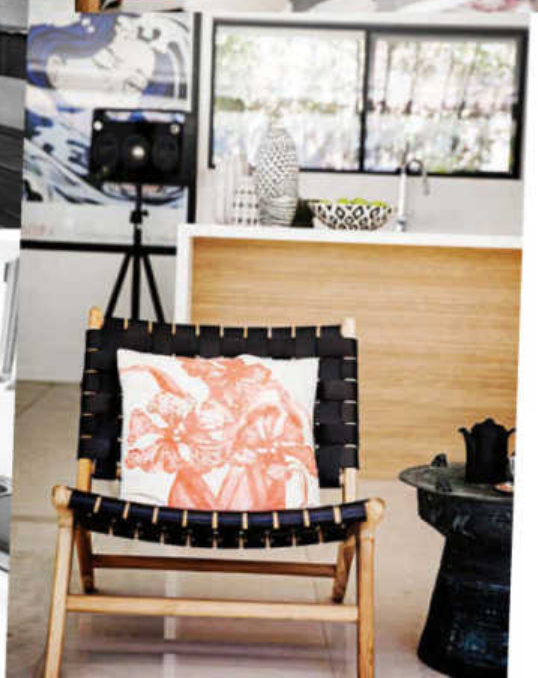


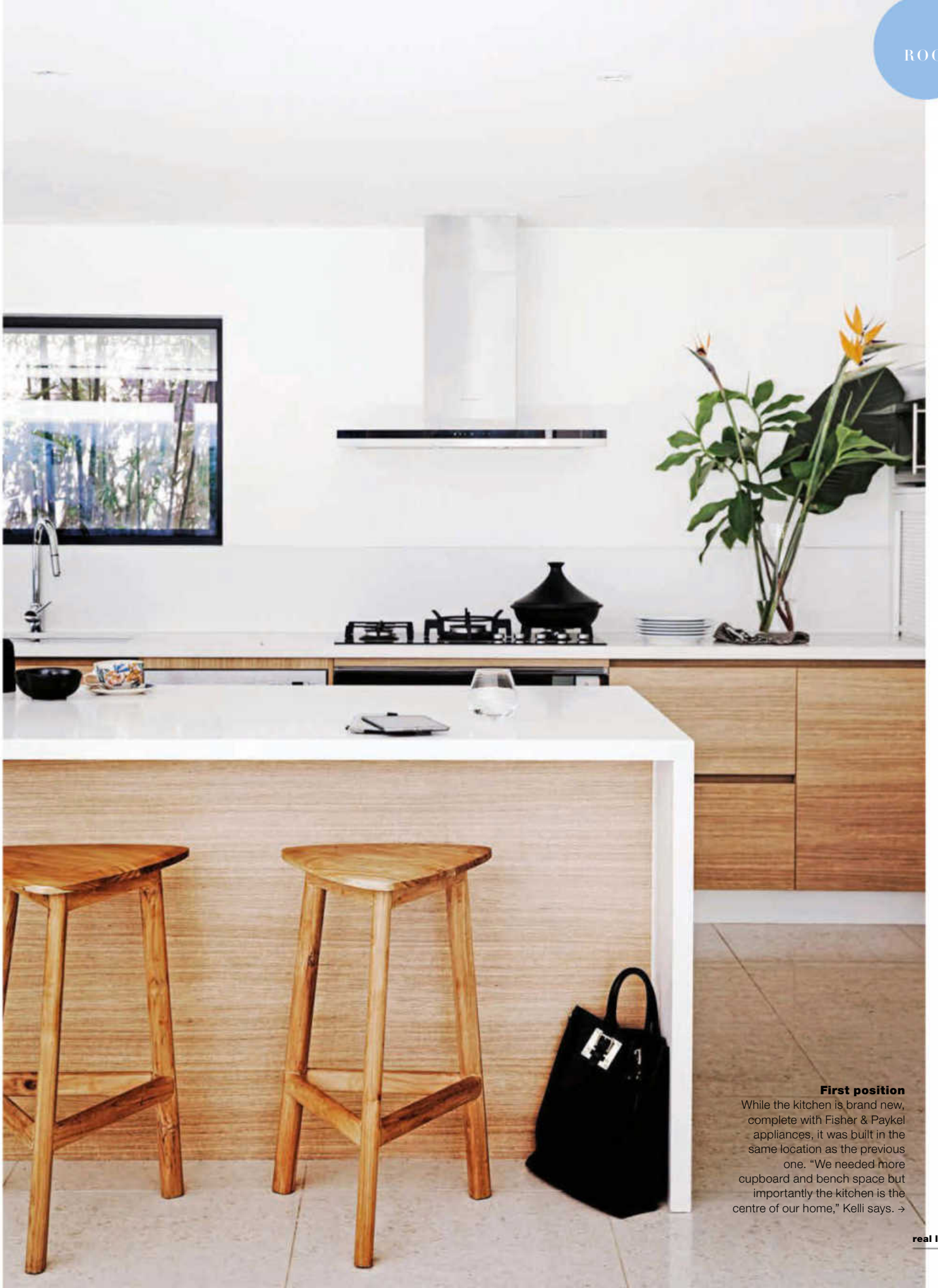
RUG Wool **Beni Ourain** (**A**), from $900, Marr-Kett.
TIMBER WALL FJ Pencil Round **merbau** slat (**B**; 42mm x 19mm x 5.7m), $3.65 a lineal m, Bunnings.
KITCHEN BENCHTOP Caesarstone in **Frosty Carrina** (**C**) $1000 a sq m.
KITCHEN JOINERY Colour Palette laminate in **Elegant Oak** (**D**), from $88.33 a sq m, Laminex.
BEDROOM FLOORING Genero Design Platinum Luxury vinyl planks in **Weathered Oak** (**E**), from $50 a sq m (product only), Choices Flooring.
FLOOR TILES Porcelain rectified in **White Travertine Polished** (**F**; 600mm x 600mm), $55 a sq m, Byron Bay Tiles.
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BEFORE









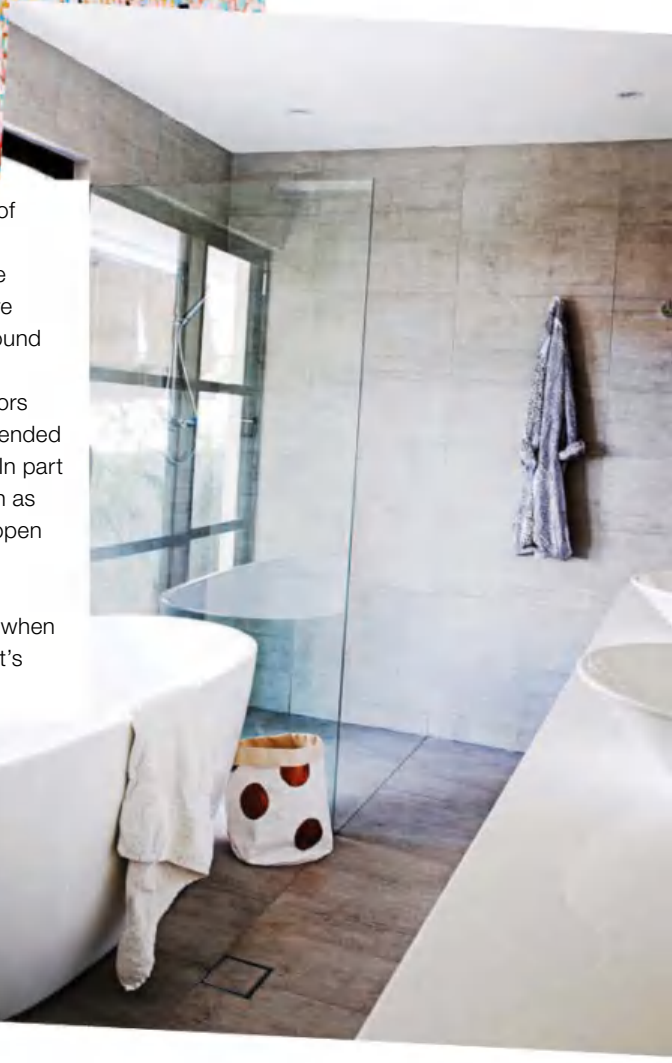
First position
While the kitchen is brand new, complete with Fisher & Paykel appliances, it was built in the same location as the previous one. "We needed more cupboard and bench space but importantly the kitchen is the centre of our home," Kelli says. →



Cool collection
A table from Kelli's father complements chairs imported from Indonesia in the outdoor dining area. The fan is from Beacon Lighting while the towel is from the Talulah homewares range.



COLOUR-POP ART



Key to the transformation was converting a garage, which had been located at the rear of the property, into a master bedroom with ensuite, and relocating the garage to the front of the house. This meant that a driveway was no longer needed to run down the length of the property, taking up valuable land in the garden. It was a simple change that created a more luxurious sense of space for Kelli and Brad to retreat to, as well as adding a bigger run-around area for their sons William, aged five, and Hunter, two.

As with most renovations, Kelli says there were obstacles to overcome. “Some contractors weren’t interested in our vision, and in a way wanted to do their own thing,” she says. “We ended up shopping around to find contractors who were prepared to go on the journey with us.” In part it was because Kelli had a clear vision of the materials and fittings she wanted to use, such as the steel doors in the dining area. “Also, I knew we needed the doors to the living area to open right out to the outdoors: that was really important to me,” she says.

Overall, the beachside location of the house played an important role in not only the renovation decisions but the decor, too. “It doesn’t make sense to make a home precious when you have kids and live right by the beach,” she says. “And the area in general, Byron Bay, it’s such a beautiful relaxed town – we wanted to reflect that in the build too.”



Luxe touches The master bedroom, pictured left, and ensuite, above, were built in an area where the garage used to be. The same steel doors installed in the dining area are repeated here. The bedroom floor is finished with beachy whitewashed floorboards from Choices Flooring, while the bathroom features Bianco Industry Silver tiles from Byron Bay Tiles. **Colour spot** Also in the master bedroom, above a chair from Byron Designworks hangs a colourful artwork by Jai Vasicek of Ahoy Trader. The cushion is from the Talulah homewares range. *For stockists, see page 176.*

FINISHING TOUCHES



Hip to be square
Capri/Cleopatra 50cm square **cushion**, $149.95, Talulah.



Bowled over
Capri large **serving bowl**, $129.95, Talulah.



Pretty pottery
Scandi small **vase**, $40, Have You Met Miss Jones.



Strapped in
Leather strapping “Marlboro” **chair** in Teak/Black, $750, Fenton&Fenton.



In the pink
Vanda 50cm **cushion** in Pink, $155, Bonnie And Neil.



Tropical breeze
Fijian II **fan** in Bronze with Coffee rattan blades, $279, Beacon Lighting.



HOW TO SET THE TABLE

Holidays… Friends to lunch! Create one of three table settings **good enough to eat**



FRESH TAKE

CONCRETE COOL & LEAFY GREENS

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LOOK ONE / LEAFY ORGANIC

Tabletop items reflect the table itself: rustic crockery and timber accessories sit on an organic concrete tabletop, where style meets function. The natural materials suggest nature's bounty, enhanced by fresh, leafy goodness: sprigs in vases, a cascade of leaves from the ceiling like nature's chandelier. Bring the outside in for a peaceful vibe; it's perfect for relaxed dining. →

Farm to plate

ON TABLE PLACE SETTING Finch stoneware **bowl & plates**, from $18.90 for bowl, Citta Design. For similar **cutlery**, try Paper Eskimo wooden forks, $4 for 20, and knives, $4 for 20, Bickiboo Party Supplies. Mr Draper linen **napkins**, $50 for 4, Mrdrapers.etsy.com. **THE REST** Uashmama washable paper **bag** (holding **bread**), from $24 for small, The Design Hunter. Loop concrete **vase**, $29, and mini concrete **tray** in Sky (holding salt), $19, Zakkia. Dippo **breadboard**, $120, and Puka **bowl**, $32, Clickon Furniture. Concrete cross **trivet**, $25, and Bottle salt and pepper/spice **grinders**, $130 for 2, The Minimalist. Ghost concrete **vases** (holding **leucadendrons**), $49 for large, and $35 for small, The Minimalist.

ALSO IN THE SCENE Classic Slimline concrete/oak **table**, from $4700, SlabsByDesign. Havana outdoor **chairs**, $149 each, Life Interiors. For similar **bike**, try Bicyclesonline.com.au. **Hanging plants**: Leather plant **hangers**, from $140 each, The Minimalist, holding Ushamama paper **bags** (top & bottom of trio), from $24 for small, The Design Hunter; Kraft Cross **basket** (middle), from $29 for small, and round **pot** (far left), $29, Zakkia; artificial potted **plants**, from $3.99 each, Ikea; **hanging willow vines** (1.21m), $19.95 each, Florabelle. **ON FLOOR** FROM LEFT Jaws Greece **pot** in Blue, $140 for small, holding fiddle leaf **plant**, $59 for small, and Royal Greece **pot** in Blue/Gold, $140 for small (holding plant from Bunnings), The Design Twins. Lisa T marble-effect **planter** (holding plant from Bunnings; just seen), $15, Target. Quick-Step "Livyn" vinyl **flooring** in Patina Oak Light White, $34.95 a sq m (supply only), Quick-Step.

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LOOK TWO / PRETTY COOL

Whet your guests' appetites before the meal is even served. For an impressive spread, choose a marble table – it's worth the investment with its timeless appeal. For the table setting, continue the marble theme with plates, platters and condiment bowls. Add a touch of coppery gold in accessories such as napkin rings and flower holders to contrast with the smooth white. Timber touches in other pieces, and chairs, stops the scheme looking cold, and a tickle of concrete brings sheer indulgence back to earth. →

Fine dining

ON TABLE PLACE SETTING Concrete **plates** in Black/White & Pink, $20 each, Foxandramona.etsy.com. HK Living "Mango" **plates**, $14.95 each, and DT Home stainless-steel **cutlery** in Rose Gold, $59.95 for 4 pieces, Design Twins. Dine linen **napkins**, $12.90 each, Citta Design. Copper **napkin rings**, $8.95 each, Forage & Find Co. IVV "Lounge Bar" **glasses**, from $234 for 6, Noritake. Venus round marble **coasters**, $60 for 4, Globe West. **THE REST** Marble **cheeseboards**: Precious Gem (top), $149, and Rare Find, $129, Clickon Furniture. Rosy **cheese knives**, $59 for 4, Clickon Furniture. Nest copper-plated tabletop **stand and vessel** (holding flowers), $170, Ivy Muse. Concrete & Copper **candleholder** station, $119, Life Interiors. Marble milk **jugs**, $70 each, and marble **salt and pepper vessels**, $75 for 2, The Minimalist. Craft oak and marble **mortar and pestle**, $150, **salt mill**, from $116, and **pepper mill**, from $125, The Design Hunter.

ALSO IN THE SCENE Harpers Project 150cm marble **dining table**, $1999, and WhyWood **chairs** (right), $329 each, Life Interiors. Johansen side **chairs** (left), $195 each, Clickon Furniture. Aina linen **curtains**, $79 a pair, Ikea. Milk & Sugar "Finn" concrete **pendants**, $99 each, Life Interiors. **ON WALL** *Europa Grey* **print** in timber frame (90cm x 90cm), $345, Life Interiors. **WALL PAINT** Dulux Wash & Wear in **Terra Tone**, $85.90 for 4L. **ON FLOOR** Wooden tile **flooring**, $133 a sq m, Di Lorenzo.





PASS THE LUXE

WITH MARBLE & COPPER





TOP BRASS

TIMBER PLUS BRASS FOR WARM SHIMMER

LOOK 3 / TIMBER GLOW

A timber dining table is warm and welcoming but it doesn't have to look "farmhouse kitchen". Clean lines, along with a simple bench and chairs, give a cool, modern vibe. Natural elements abound in this scheme, including the fine porcelain bowls contrasting with solid slate placemats, while the inclusion of brass – like the perfect seasoning – adds a subtle sense of glam. It's an understated but delicious combination.

Nourishing gourmet

ON TABLE PLACE SETTING Porcelain **bowls**, $38 each, The Design Hunter. Slate round serving boards (used as **placemats**), $49.90 each, Citta Design. Charm **cutlery** in Gold, $99 for 16 pieces, Freedom. Linen table **napkins**, $45 each, Cultiver. IVV "Lounge Bar" highball **glasses**, $248 for 6, Noritake. **THE REST** FROM LEFT Green marble **board**, $75, The Minimalist, with brass **salad servers**, $66 for 2, The Design Hunter. Ceramic serving **platters** (holding kale **chips**) from Design Twins. Brass **vessels** (holding *Dracaena massangeana* **plant**, $8.99, left, and *Ficus microcarpa* **plant**, $12.99, Ikea), $79 each, The Design Hunter. Forbes **pepper mill** and Ike **salt basin**, $250 a pair, Hank Design. Green **platter** from Design Twins.

ALSO IN THE SCENE Multo **dining table** (2.4m), $2595, and Mr Marius "Origami" **bench**, $995, Clickon Furniture. Potter unupholstered and upholstered dining **chairs**, $299 each, and Treasure plywood **pendants**, $429 each, Life Interiors. **WALL PAINT** Dulux Wash & Wear in **Depth Charge**, $85.90 for 4L. **ON FLOOR** Geranium weave **rug** (1.82m), $725, Armadillo&Co. Northcote 33cm terracotta Italian **pot**, $13.45, and **plant**, Bunnings. Prärie laminated **flooring** in Oak Effect, $20 a sq m, Ikea. *For stockists, see page 176.*

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COOL TWIST

The new season calls for inspired entertaining and it's all in the details. Take a classic drink, add some creative flair and you'll impress your guests with a Welcome Drink like this G&T with a Twist



G&T with a Twist

30ml **Tanqueray London Dry Gin**
120ml tonic water
1 grapefruit wedge
1 mint sprig
Cucumber slices in ice cubes

1. Fill glass with ice cubes
2. Add 30ml Tanqueray Gin
3. Top with tonic water and stir
4. Gently squeeze grapefruit wedge into the glass before dropping it in
5. Garnish with a mint sprig

Contains 1 standard drink

Set the mood for your next get-together with these tips, making your gathering one your guests will remember.

- Experiment by freezing mint in ice cubes too. It will add extra flavour to classics like this G&T
- Serve your Welcome Drink in retro cut glass tumblers and jug, teamed with an on-trend tray and cutlery

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EAT

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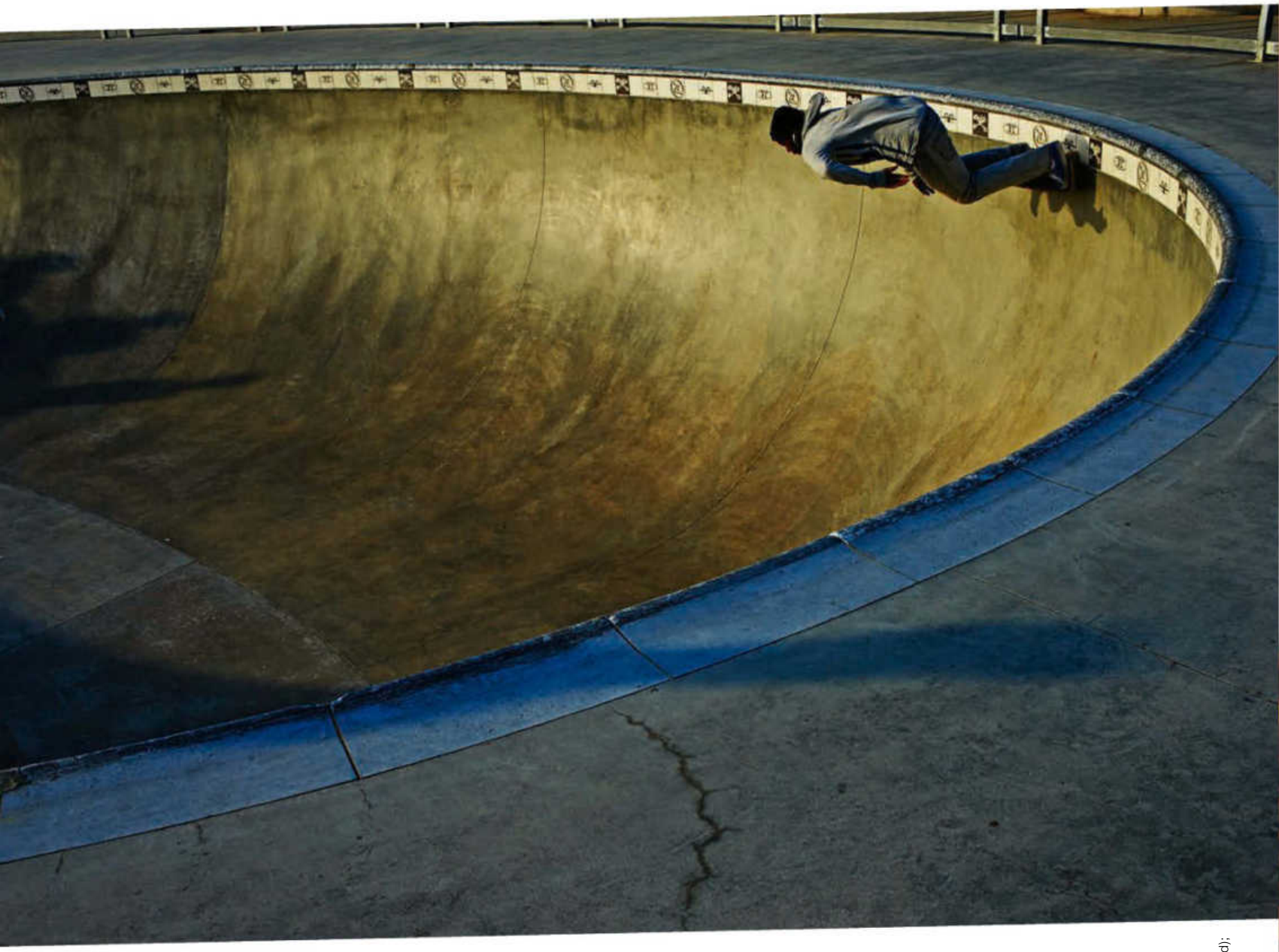

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Kick, push, coast

Grab your skateboard and meet your friends down at the skatebowl for an early dinner. *Flip the page for five recipes.* →



SUPERGREEN SALAD WITH NUTS & SEEDS

Serves 6 to 8
Prep time 15 mins
Cooking time 5 mins

Equipment Sharp knife; chopping board; small bowl; baking tray; jar with lid; large serving bowl

2 tbsp each coarsely chopped almonds & pistachios
2 tsp each sunflower seeds & sesame seeds
1½ cups each small kale leaves & wild rocket
½ cup each coarsely torn mint & flat-leaf parsley
2 spring onions, sliced thinly

Tamari dressing
¼ cup olive oil
1 tbsp tamari
1 tbsp lemon juice
1 small garlic clove, chopped finely

1 **Preheat** oven to 180°C. Combine nuts and seeds in small bowl, spread out on baking tray and roast for 5 mins, stirring occasionally, until golden brown. Remove from oven and allow to cool.
2 **Make tamari dressing** Place all ingredients in jar, season to taste and shake to combine.
3 **Toss** salad leaves, herbs and spring onions in large serving bowl to combine. Scatter with roasted nuts and seeds, drizzle over tamari dressing and serve.

recipes & food styling emma knowles | **photography** william meppem (food); toby dixon/tobydixon.com (skate scenes) | **prop styling** tahnee carroll



Green machine Toasted nuts give the salad a moreish crunch, the green smoothie is zingy and refreshing. Jar from The Essential Ingredient; skateboard by Huddle & Co.

PINEAPPLE & MINT SMOOTHIE

PLACE FLESH AND WATER FROM 2 YOUNG COCONUTS, 1 PEELED AND COARSELY CHOPPED PINEAPPLE, 1 CUP EACH BABY SPINACH AND MINT, AND JUICE OF 1 LIME IN A BLENDER AND PULSE UNTIL SMOOTH. **POUR** INTO A GLASS AND SERVE WITH A STRAW. NOTE: SMOOTHIE CAN BE MADE AHEAD OF TIME AND STORED IN SEALED JARS IN THE FRIDGE. →



Chip 'n' dip Recyclable cutlery and plates, like these ones from Wheel & Barrow, are ideal for travelling meals. Dish (holding dip) from Seletti; napkins from Country Road.



PITA CHIPS WITH FETTA DIP & CUCUMBER

PREHEAT OVEN TO 180°C. **PLACE** 1 TSP EACH GROUND CUMIN, GROUND CORIANDER AND PAPRIKA, AND A PINCH OF SALT IN A SMALL BOWL AND MIX TO COMBINE. **CUT** 3 PITA BREAD INTO WEDGES THEN SPREAD OUT ON LINED BAKING TRAYS. **DRIZZLE** WITH A LITTLE OLIVE OIL AND SEASON WITH SPICE MIX. **TURN** AND REPEAT, THEN BAKE FOR 5 MINS UNTIL GOLDEN BROWN; SET ASIDE. **PLACE** 200G FETTA, ⅔ CUP GREEK-STYLE YOGHURT, 2 TBSP EXTRA-VIRGIN OLIVE OIL, JUICE OF 1 LEMON, AND 1 CLOVE OF GARLIC IN A FOOD PROCESSOR; SEASON AND PULSE UNTIL SMOOTH. **SERVE** FETTA DIP WITH PITA CHIPS AND CUCUMBER STICKS. →





FIND THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE – OUT OF THE WAY OF SKATERS – AND ENJOY NIBBLING AS THE SUN GOES DOWN

SALAMI & CHEESE FOCACCIA

Serves 6 to 8
Prep time 25 mins
Cooking time 30 mins + proving

Equipment Sharp knife; chopping board; fine grater; large mixing bowl; cling wrap; small saucepan; spoon; rolling pin; lined baking tray

3 garlic cloves, sliced thinly
¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 small red chilli, sliced thinly
¼ cup loosely packed oregano
Salt & pepper
⅔ cup mascarpone, at room temp
Finely grated rind of 1 lemon
80g thinly sliced hot salami, roughly torn
80g provolone, thinly sliced & roughly torn

Olive oil dough
3 cups bread flour
1 sachet dried yeast
3 tsp salt
2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
1 cup lukewarm water

1 **Make dough** Place flour, yeast and salt in bowl and mix to combine. Add olive oil and water, mix to form a dough (add a splash of extra water if there are still dry bits in bottom of bowl). Turn onto lightly floured surface and knead for 4 to 5 mins until smooth and elastic. Transfer to lightly oiled bowl, cover with cling wrap and stand at room temperature for 30 to 40 mins until dough has doubled in size.

2 **Preheat** oven to 190°C. Place half the garlic in small saucepan with oil and chilli; stir over low-medium heat for 1 to 2 mins until garlic is golden. Remove from heat, add half the oregano, season with salt and pepper and set aside.

3 **Roll** dough on lightly floured surface to 1cm-thick oval (about 35cm x 20cm). Place on lined baking tray. Press dough with fingertips to form dimples. Spread over mascarpone, season and stand for 15 to 20 mins until slightly risen.

4 **Scatter** with lemon rind and remaining garlic and oregano. Top with salami and provolone. Drizzle with a little garlic and chilli oil then bake for 25 to 30 mins, turning tray occasionally, until golden brown and cooked through. Serve with remaining garlic and chilli oil. →



Spicy kick(flip) Cheesy, herby, crusty goodness! Flavoured focaccia is easy to make and can be eaten on the go, hot or cold.

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40 MINS

CHOCLATE, CRISP & PRETZEL COOKIES

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Prep time 20 mins
Cooking time 20 mins

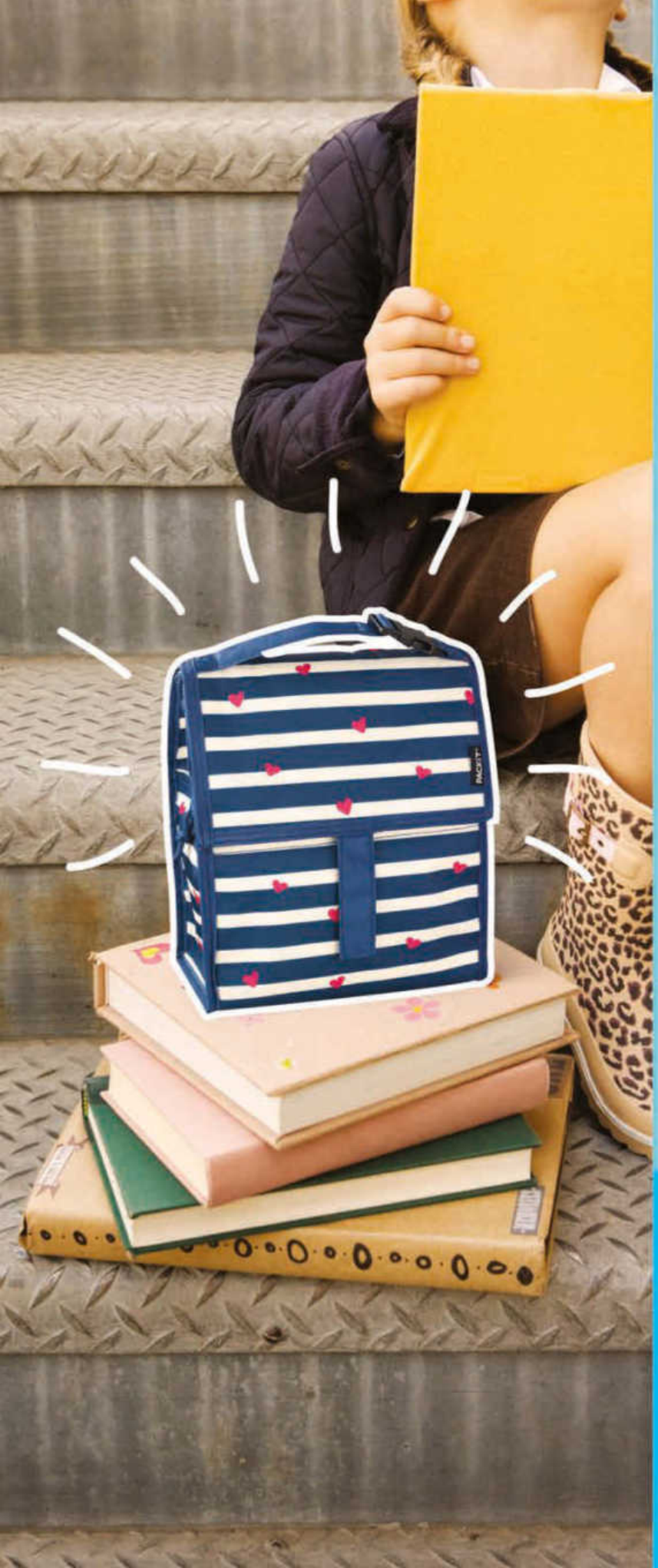
Equipment Sharp knife; chopping board; electric mixer; spoon; lined baking trays

170g butter, melted & cooled
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 cup brown sugar
½ cup caster sugar
1 egg & 1 extra egg yolk
2 cups plain flour
½ tsp baking powder
Pinch of salt
200g mixed milk & dark chocolate, chopped
½ cup salted pretzels, crumbled coarsely
½ cup plain salted potato crisps
18 chewy caramels, sliced

1 **Preheat** oven to 180°C. Place melted butter, vanilla and sugars in bowl of electric mixer and beat for 1 to 2 mins until pale and creamy. Add egg and extra yolk and beat to combine. Stir in flour, baking powder and salt. Add chocolate, pretzels and potato crisps and mix well.

2 **Spoon** heaped tablespoons of mixture onto lined baking trays, leaving about 5cm in between each to allow mixture to spread. Flatten slightly, then press a couple of pieces of caramel into each. Bake for 8 to 10 mins until edges are golden. Cool on trays before transferring to an airtight container. Cookies will keep for up to 1 week.

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climb a tree

156 CHILL OUT AND FIND YOUR CREATIVE SELF A BEAUTIFUL NEW BOOK BY ANNA CARLILE SHOWS NEW WAYS TO APPRECIATE AND GET BACK TO NATURE

Green pieces The simple things in life are often the best. *Turn the page for ways to connect with nature.* →



Slow down. Simplify. Let go.

IN THIS EXTRACT FROM ANNA CARLILE'S BEAUTIFUL NEW BOOK *365 NATURE*, WE EXPLORE HOW TO CHILL OUT AND FIND YOUR CREATIVE SELF. IT'S TIME TO **GET BACK TO NATURE**

grow an avocado tree

Taking a seed and helping it to grow into a beautiful fruit-bearing plant is an easy way to help nature along. The seed (or pit) of an avocado is perfect for this – though be prepared to exercise your patience, as some pits never split open and sprout, so try growing a few at once. Avocado pits can be germinated in soil, or in water. This water-sprouting method is arguably the more common (and more charming) of the two, as you get to watch the sprout emerge, unfurl and flourish.

Gather Avocado pit; toothpicks; a glass; water

PROPAGATE THE PIT

Step 1 Remove the pit from inside a ripe, unrefrigerated avocado, rinse well and dry.
Step 2 Push three or four toothpicks into the seed at its widest part, in a north, south, east, west pattern.
Step 3 Suspend pit over a glass of tepid water with the pointy end sticking up. The water should cover about 2.5cm of the seed. The toothpicks will act as a miniature scaffold to support the pit's suspension; you may need to adjust them to make sure the pit is positioned correctly.
Step 4 Put the glass in a warm place, like a sunny windowsill. The sun may soak up some of your water, so top up to maintain your water level. If you're lucky, the pit will stem in somewhere between two to six weeks. If it doesn't happen in this timeframe (which is quite common), try again with a new pit.
Step 5 When the stem is about 15cm long, trim it in half.

TRANSPLANT THE PIT

Step 1 When the stem sprouts back to its 15cm length, transplant the seedling to a pot with loose, sandy soil. Plant the seedling root down, leaving the top half of the pit sticking out of the soil.
Step 2 Give your plant frequent, light watering and keep it in a sunny place to encourage growth.
Step 3 Pinch back – use your fingers to break off – the newest top leaves every time the stems grow another 15cm or so to encourage more growth, and a fuller plant.
Note Some avocado plants can take years to bear fruit. →

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look up



CIRROCUMULUS / HIGH CLOUD

WHITE, STREAKY CLOUDS, OFTEN GROUPED IN BEAUTIFUL PATTERNS.
INDICATE FAIR WEATHER IN MOST CLIMATES; IN THE TROPICS, CAN MEAN
A STORM OR HURRICANE IS COMING.

ALTOCUMULUS / MIDDLE CLOUD

FLUFFY, GREYISH-WHITE CLOUDS WITH A LOT OF CONTRAST BETWEEN LIGHT AND DARK.
IF YOU SEE THEM IN THE MORNING, PREPARE FOR RAIN IN THE AFTERNOON.

STRATOCUMULUS / LOW CLOUD

PATCHES OF FLUFFY WHITE OR GREY CLOUDS, CLOSE OVERHEAD.
THEY DON'T INDICATE RAIN, BUT IT'S GOING TO BE A CLOUDY DAY.

STRATUS / LOW CLOUD

SOLID GREY CLOUDS THAT LOOK LIKE (AND OFTEN ARE) AN ELEVATED FOG.
INDICATE DRIZZLE, RAIN AND EVEN LIGHT SNOW.

read the clouds

In the past, people looked to the sky and drew on their knowledge of cloud types to predict, understand and prepare for the weather. By schooling yourself in the basics of meteorology and weather lore, you too can read the clouds, and accurately forecast the weather.

print leaves

Autumn is the season when deciduous trees shed their leaves (a process called abscission) in strategic, survivalist anticipation of the winter ahead. Collecting these fallen glories to use in printmaking means you can synchronise your creative self with the seasons. Leaf prints can be used for many decorative purposes, from creating art on archival paper and framing it, to customising fabric for crafting onto bags, tea towels and T-shirts.

Gather Autumn leaves; old newspaper; ink or paint; paper, card or fabric; paintbrushes or ink sponges; ink brayer (roller); clean cloth; small jar of water

Finding the right leaves

Leaves come in all shapes, sizes and textures, so look for variety as you ramble and forage. Leaves can be plucked from plants and trees to use in this project at any time of year. If the tree is an evergreen, you'll need to pick them directly from the tree, even in autumn. If you are foraging for fallen autumn leaves, look for newly fallen leaves. Fresh, pliable leaves are best for this project, as dried leaves will snap and crumble when pressed or worked on.

Preparing for printing

Start by laying newspapers down to protect your work surface. Then lay out your materials: your paints or inks, your paintbrushes or ink sponges and ink brayer, and the paper card you plan to print on to. A clean cloth and a jar of water for wiping up any spills might also come in handy.

Next, prepare your masters – that's printmaking speak for the object that will create the impression you're printing out: your leaves. They need to be dry for your printmaking session.

Printing leaves

Select a leaf, then take a good look at it. Is it bumpy or smooth? Are there any ridges? Is one side different from the other? The markings will form the print pattern. Take a paintbrush or ink sponge and apply some paint to the leaf. Once the leaf is fully and evenly covered, gently turn it over and press it onto the paper. You can press it down with your hands, or roll an ink brayer along its surface. When you're done, lift the leaf away slowly and admire your work.



Being playful

You don't need to be too prescriptive with your prints, as each leaf is able to make six prints. Wipe the leaf clean with a cloth between applications, for best effect.

Some things to try:

- Apply a lot of paint, and then a little.
- Print each side of the leaf.
- Push down hard when you roll or press the leaf, then push down very, very softly.
- Hold the leaf flat to prevent movement, then let go.
- Roll or press in all directions, then in just one direction. →

weave a wreath of wildflowers



Celebrate spring and its explosion of life and colour by getting out into the wilds and foraging for flowers to weave into a wreath. Wildflower wreaths can be placed in the centre of dining tables, hung from windows and doors, or even worn as crowns. They also make great seasonal gifts for nature-loving friends.

Gather Wildflowers; scissors; raffia or twine

Gathering your wildflowers

Wildflowers grow where nature is allowed to have its way: in parks, or grass verges, alongside rivers, up hills and mountains.

Look for flower stems that are flexible and bendy, and bear in mind flowers that drop a lot of pollen are going to continue to do that once you've woven them into a wreath. Take care to pick just the flower, not the roots and to leave some flowers on each plant cluster for pollinators like bees to visit, so that the plant survives to flower in future seasons.

Making your wreath

Begin by cutting or gently breaking the stems of the flowers until they are much the same length. Take two flowers. Loop the first stem around the second stem. Gently pinch the bottoms of both stems together and pull them down, to tighten the bind. Then take another flower, place it half way down the looped stems you've already made, loop it around and tighten it. Carry on in this way, slowly but surely wrapping and weaving flowers and stems together, until you have a braided length that is long enough for your purpose.

To close your wreath, wrap (or braid) the two ends together until it holds its form. You can also wrap a piece of vine, ivy, raffia or twine around the whole wreath to make it more secure.

Keeping it fresh

How long your wreath remains fresh will depend on the type of flowers you use; most last a day or two. You can help by spraying the wreath with water, and hanging it upside down so the flower heads face down overnight.

Note It's not always legal to pick wildflowers, so make sure to check local regulations.



The year of nature
365 Nature – Projects To Connect You With Nature Every Day by Anna Carlile (Hardie Grant Publishing; $49.95).
Also see page 52.



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START WITH THE RIGHT BASE

Colourful highlights and pretty summery tones will help to bring a light, fresh feel to your bedlinen. Start with white as a base layer, try the beautifully detailed Natalia range, and then add colour, texture and pattern with cushions or a coverlet set from the Katherine collection.

ACCESSORISE TO PERFECTION

It's the finishing touches that make all the difference! Accessorise with bright Artica cushions in Melon, Sea Blue and Yellow, a Glass lantern in Oak and delicate glass vases in sea-inspired shades – try the Sky tall vase in Frosted Pastel or the Bubble blown vase.

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The next step is to bring some greenery indoors and get a bit of a jungle happening with lush palms and ferns. If you're after more style inspo and on-trend buys to decorate your room, check out **myhouse.com.au**.

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Blue is one of Australia's favourite hues – maybe because it's the colour of the sea and the sky here much of the time. We all seem to be especially attracted to indigo blue – so it's no surprise the shibori dyeing trend, which features just that hue, is here to stay. It fits the laidback Australian lifestyle to a T. The word "shibori" comes from the verb root "shiboru", which means "to wring, squeeze, press".

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SHIBORI IS THE JAPANESE "RESIST" DYEING TECHNIQUE THAT INVOLVES FOLDING AND TWISTING CLOTH, BINDING IT AND DYEING IT IN INDIGO. THE BINDING WILL "RESIST" THE DYE, CREATING A MASK ON THE FABRIC, WHICH RESULTS IN AREAS THAT REMAIN WHITE (OR UNDYED) AND AREAS OF FABRIC THAT TAKE THE DYE, CREATING A PATTERN.

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Shibori can be used to **UPCYCLE** old clothes or embellish new ones, or **UPDATE** bedlinen, curtains, napkins, tablecloths, even shoes. For a traditional look, use solid white fabric. Only **NATURAL FIBRES** like cotton, linen, silk and wool **WILL ACCEPT THE DYE** (remember to wash and dry your fabrics first). Shibori is also a cool craft project to do with the kids. And the beauty of the technique is it's impossible to make a mistake – there's no right or wrong way to do it. Bindings, which create a "mask" on the fabric, can **BE AS CREATIVE AS YOU LIKE** – clamps, paperclips, bulldog clips, pegs… You create your very own maker's marks. The main difference between shibori and tie-dye is the method – the shibori technique is carefully planned unlike the random tie-dye approach. That said, a random method can still be used. Find your fave fold!

DECORATING WITH SHIBORI IS LIKE WORKING YOUR OUTFIT AROUND A GREAT PAIR OF JEANS. IT'S A STYLE STAPLE THAT GOES WITH JUST ABOUT ANYTHING. THIS AGE-OLD DYEING METHOD CAN WORK ACROSS THE MANY **CONTEMPORARY INTERIOR STYLES** BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENT DYEING TECHNIQUES. THE LOOK CAN BE GEOMETRICALLY BOLD, WITH A STRONG JAPANESE AESTHETIC, OR SOFT, FLUID AND PAINTERLY, FOR A **ROMANTIC BOHEMIAN SCHEME**. THE FAMILIAR AND TOTALLY CLASSIC COLOUR COMBO OF BLUE AND WHITE ALSO MEANS SHIBORI IS BEST FRIENDS WITH **BEACHY INTERIOR** STYLES, TOO. WHATEVER INTERIOR LOOK YOU GO FOR, THERE ARE SOME FAILPROOF MATERIAL MATCHES TO MAKE IT WORK – THE GLORIOUS SPECTRUM OF INDIGO BLUES IS PERFECT WITH **NATURAL FIBRES**, **LEATHER**, **TIMBER** AND **STONE**.



Linen love
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IF YOU'VE GOT A MORTGAGE THE BEST PLACE TO SAVE COULD BE YOUR HOME LOAN'S REDRAW OR OFFSET ACCOUNT; YOU'LL LOWER YOUR INTEREST REPAYMENTS WHILE SAVING FOR YOUR KID'S FUTURE.

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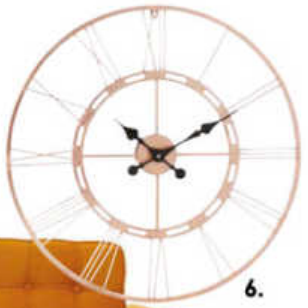

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This month's roundup of super-duper products for your home and lifestyle















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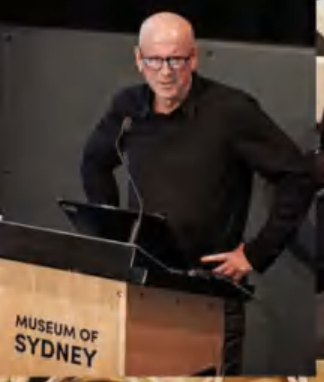
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Inspiring thinkers
The masterclass audiences were in for a wealth of information. Priceless!

Interior nous
Guest speakers at the Sydney masterclass included talented interior designer Caroline Choker.

Stress test
Design and psychology expert Peter Quarry gave a fascinating talk.





Designer eye
Sydney Architect Hannah Tribe was practical and engaging.



Goodie bags
Audience members left with a head of information and a bag of treats.



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NO (PAVING) STONE was left unturned at the recent **School of real living** Design & Decoration Essential Masterclasses in Sydney and Melbourne. The experts were on hand with a tonne of info to help students through the process of building, renovating and decorating.

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Taking notes
The expert tips could translate to thousands of dollars saved in the building, renovating or decorating process.







Design educator
Kelly Ross from ISCD gave an informative presentation.

Ideas swap
The masterclasses were an opportunity for students to engage and share ideas with other creatives.





HEAR THE SPEAKERS
Use the free ***viewa*** app and scan this page to hear interviews with several of the masterclass speakers.

Industry INSIDER



MARIA ROUSSOS chose to study at iscd to help her make a career change from the fashion industry into interiors. She now has her own successful business

"Whether students study on campus in North Sydney, in Melbourne's CBD or by distance from home, everyone receives the support they need to realise their creative potential"

Lucy Sutherland
General Manager

MARIA ROUSSOS



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Certificate IV in Design and Diploma of Interior Decoration and Styling.

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My business is called schemes & spaces (schemesandspaces.com.au). I design, decorate and style residential interiors. I put together colour schemes, floorplans and layouts then select and source products to create new home environments for my clients.

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF COLOUR+DESIGN

Colour lover
Interior designer Jacinta Preston gave a presentation on decorating with colour.

Cut 'n' paste
Students scoured mags for moodboard inspiration.







real living ladies
Jacinta Preston and Deb Bibby at the School.

Paint board
All the Sherwin-Williams colour swatches were on display.





Talking in class
During the class, students had the opportunity to ask questions and chat about their own home-decorating projects.

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THIS CLASS WAS ALL ABOUT **THE CHEMISTRY OF COLOUR** AND HOW TO USE IT AT HOME

NOTHING MAKES A BIGGER IMPACT for little cash than paint. And at the latest **School of real living**, students learnt exactly how to choose and use it. Jacinta Preston, our go-to girl for colour palettes, shared all her knowledge and students went home with renewed colour confidence.

In the bag
The gift bags were filled with goodies to help students on their decorating ways.



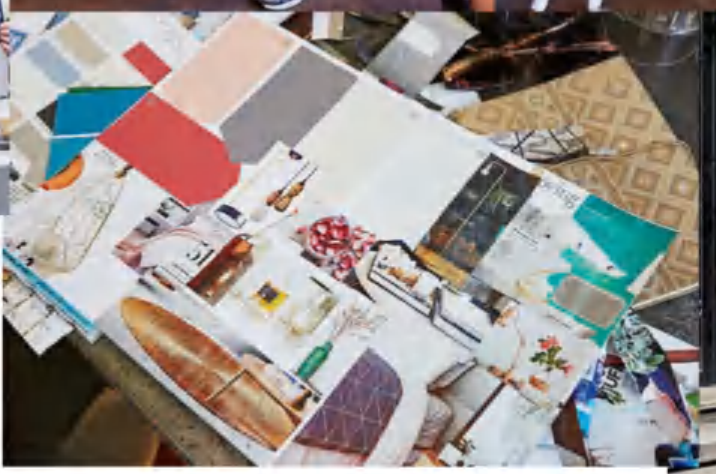
Creative types
In between sessions a couple of the students pause for a pic.



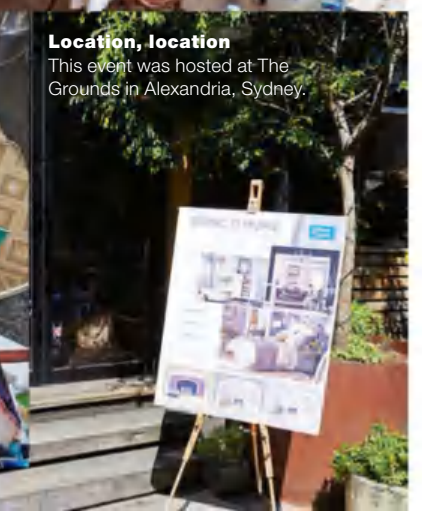


Gold stars
First-, second- and third-place winners in the moodboard challenge. Well done!

Glue sticks down
Students created moodboards using Sherwin-Williams swatches.



Location, location
This event was hosted at The Grounds in Alexandria, Sydney.



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